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### THE CURRENT ISSUE.

As will be readily observed, the present is the nonthly League issue; and being the closing one for the year, we are especially gratified to present a notale group of 37 New Year's Messages to the Epworth Leagues. The president emphasizes the reading course, in his Note Book; and "St. Botolph" places interesting and helpful books on the Side Bookshelf within easy reach. Young people will enjoy Bev. W. H. Turkington's critical and generous estimate of the world-renowned philanthropist, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Rev. F. N. Upham's department holds such of interest " Fresh from the Field," On the 6th page will be found the Sunday Beadings and Rev. M. S. Kaufman's very helpful comments on the "Prayer-meeting Topics," with stories and sketch s and poems. able paper on the important topic of "The Sunday Camp-meeting." A review of the principal events of the year 1891 is

given on the editorial page.

### The Outlook.

the community not only spurn the bribe, but the community not only spurn the bribe, but are working hard to defeat the nefarious plans of the lottery people. The State is definitely divided into "pros" and "antis," and the subject has entered politics. The Democratic Party in their recent caucuses was split in twain. Two-fifths of the voters form which has not a strong anti-lottery greater results are promised for the future. plank in it. It is a noble and a desperate fight in which the antis are engaged; and while money is being subscribed in various parts of the country to aid them, the prayers of all Christian people will be heartily given that they may succeed, and that this foul blot may be wiped off the face of the earth.

It is cold comfort which the creditors of the ment offered by that State. The bulk of the Mercy and Help. creditors are Englishmen, and they accept the result because they believe, if they do not, that endless litigation will follow. The advisory board of creditors, who finally effeeted the settlement, consisted of the following distinguished individuals: Grover Cleveland, Thomas F. Bayard, Edward J. Phelps, George S. Coe, and George G. Williams. The debt, with defaulted interest, amounted to \$28,000,000, and this is replaced by bonds for \$19,000,000 running for one hundred years and bearing interest of two per cent. for ten years, and three per cent. for the remaining ninety years. The English bondholders demurred considerably at accepting the settlement, and called attention to the fact that no provision had been made for a sinking fund, attainable and charge the deficit to profit and dens, and fight battles? Christ, our life strengthen!

The revolution at Quebeo is not a very momentous affair, but its inception and progress are worth noting. The government of Cancircumference to centre, the Canadian gov- Epworth. ernment is directly opposite in form. The central power is the Queen as represented by the Governor-General at Ottawa and his advisers, who appoints lieutenant-governors for the several provinces. These latter may be Tory or Liberal in politics as is the home gov-

ing amount of \$1,600,000, which has never been accounted for. Lieut.-Governor Angers has dismissed the Mercler ministry, dissolved Econston. Ill. has dismissed the Mercier ministry, dissolved the House, and appealed to the people for a new election. The House is now Liberal in politics, and by vote pays the salary of the Lieut.-Governor and grants supplies to carry on the Tory Government. Mercier and the Liberals believe that they will be vindicated in the coming election. Here comes in an important element papears are not to the estimate of important element, namely, the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church. If the cardinal another dissolution and another election. Meanwhile the charges against the Mercler ministry are growing heavier, and the evi-dence of wholesale fraud and malversation of funds for purely political purposes grows stronger and stronger.

### Briefer Comment.

Boston, is a new and marked departure, and in the expressing these verities. They have an enlight. monds in bright rays from cloudless skies. Young right direction. It is proposed to put these boys in ened and tender and healthy conscience. They seek groups assigned to certain cottages. There will be a to cultivate all their varied powers, while they live and harp." O worship the Lord in the beauty of cure it. The city of Boston shows a wonderful per- three hundred and sixty-five days a year. Epcentage of its children in the schools - about 90 per worths: Be wise, bright, broad, busy, steady, many-On the first page Dr. Chadbourne presents his second cent. Of the remaining ten per cent. nearly three-sided saints. Begin now! quarters are under school age, and of the remainder -about 2 1-2 per cent. - the most of them are in-

Russia accepts with avidity the help for her famished millions proffered by America. It is ready to cut all red tape and to afford transportation from New York to Russia for all food supplies worthians in New York send greetings to their broth-Certainly no moral question has so agitated olis and other points where the great fleuring mills friendly rivalry, to beat you. Chaplain McCabe which may be furnished. The millers at Minneapthe country in recent years as the lottery problem in Louisiana. Here is a deliberate load a ship. The Russian government, by its attempt to stifle all moral principle through- representatives, agrees that the distribution shall be let them shoot! The armor of the workers is their out the State by the offer of a huge bribe of a secured through the Red Cross branches of Russia million and a quarter of dollars a year to a and America, and through the channel of our legapeople who are sadly in need of money for schools and other expenses. It is to the schools and other expenses. It is to the credit of humanity that so large a portion of ed by this new proof of kindly feeling.

was split in twain. Two-fifths of the voters in a book of 160 pages, has recently given a statement in the Democratic Party, or 40,000 votes, are of what has been accomplished so far. The total exanti; and three-fifths, or 60,000, are pro. penditure on capital account has been £90,000, but The northern part of the State, generally there has been expended £10,000 additional on the speaking, is anti, and the southern part is strength of money promised, but not paid in. The pro. It is considered a fortunate circum-stance that the election machinery is in the of the food depots and shelters has been £28,140. hands of the antis, and Governor Nichols de-2,500,000 meals and 347,209 nights' lodgings supclares that not an election officer shall be plied to the homeless. The workshops show a deficit of the people of all lands. "A Happy New appointed by him who is not pronouncedly of £1,140, notwithstanding some of the branches given to the church; follow their faith, kindle with Year" to the young people of Methodism, and a antl. Unfortunately, up to the present the show a net profit, especially the manufacture of army their zeal, carry on their work. Learn and teach, hearty "Godspeed" to the Epworth League and all pros seem to have the control of the Republic- matches, knitting work, and book-binding. While get and give, hold fast and press forward. Do all its work! an Party, though latest advices indicate a giving the bare financial outline of the work accomsplit there. Every form of seduction has plished, the author shows that never before has so been held out to the anti-Democrats, but they much been done to alleviate poverty and distress with will have none of it and will accept no plat-

#### NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES to

### The Epworth Leagues.

### Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald.

President Epworth Board of Control, M. B. Church. During the glad holiday time let every member of State of Virginia find in the recent settle- Spirit, and also perform double duty on the lines of in Christ; all at work; all coveting the best; and a

Minneapolis, Minn.

### Bishop J. C. Keener.

Senior Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church, South. THE SON OF DAVID. Full twenty thousand chariots of gold

Stood near the Anointed One of old: That noble Person whom the traitor sold. Who now, alas! hung drooping, dying, dead! With many a bleeding wound upon His head, And gaping clefts in both His feet and hands. Which showed that precious blood so red, That fell and wept, tricking upon the sands That for our sins He might forever make amends.

#### General Superintendent A. Carman. Methodist Church of Canada.

" Compacted by that which every joint supplieth" and that it would still be competent for the (Eph. 4: 16; Col. 2: 19). A body moved from within State to repudiate the diminished indebted- must have healthful joints, either to stand, to grow, ness. The debt itself dates back to the time statue boited to the floor. He surely grows more and when West Virginia was set off. The State travels farther. Ritual and outer conformity may was never in the grasp of the carpet-baggers, stiffen the church like an icicle, and dogma make it and full value was received for every dollar rigid as the statue; but the growing, living, moving of the indebtedness. It was a debt as bound church united to its Living Head must have joints to be paid in honor as any could be. Both and bands; and every joint and band must keep up political parties have outvied each other in its measure of supply and support. The Epworth harrying and annoying its creditors; the innarrying and annoying its creditors; the interest has long been defaulted, and now the claimants, wearied out with litigation, in which the State has assumed every aspect to avoid the State has assumed every aspect to their utmost to make the body compact and vigoravoid its obligations, accept the best terms ous - the only body that can resist disease, bear bur-

### Belleville, Canada.

Mrs. Bishop Simpson. Mrs. Simpson sends kindly greeting to the Epworth League, and earnest wishes that their greatest ada is peculiar in many respects. Unlike our achievement may be the building of a Hall upon the own, in which the power proceeds from the grounds of the American University at Washington, States to the general government, or from to commemorate their devotion to the teachings of

Philadelphia, Pa.

### Prof. H. B. Ridgaway, D. D.

Dean Garrett Biblical Institute. To my classes in pastoral theology I said, in substance, soon after the organization of the Epworth however, organized about 800 chapters, and, as Paul League: "Heretofore efforts in our church at the Jones said when asked by the British Captain ernment for the time being. The parliaments of the various provinces of Canada may be tive—the efforts of individual pastors. The Oxford also Tory or Liberal, and, as a matter of fact, Club, the Young People's Alliance, were somewhat are Liberal at Quebec and Ottawa, while the one-sided, yet good as far as they went; but could movement in modern times contains "the promise one-sided, yet good as far as they went; but could and the noteron." of greater good! I contain the promise of greater good! ruling authority is Tory. A committee of not be generally or permanently successful. Now and the potency" of greater good! I send greetinvestigation found the Mercier administra- we have reached solid ground. You can unhesitating-

Evanston, Ill.

### Hon. C. C. Corbin.

Layman Methodist Episcopal Church. You recall the motto of the Old Guard of France in the days of the first Napoleon: "The Old Guard may die, but never surrenders." May not the New Guard of the church - the Epworth League - in its and priests favor the government, the Liber-als in the present case will be defeated. If New Guard may die, but never surrenders? Clad in conflict with sin appropriate to itself the motto: The

> conquer. Webster, Mass.

### Bishop J. H. Vincent.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEAR EPWORTHS: He large Methodists. There are Methodists who are little and literal and sectarian. There are Methodists who are large and liberal and catholic. They are Methodist Christians. They hold with the heart the essential verities. They THE proposed establishment of a Parental School keep the intellect open and active in the study of most beauteous life. Let the dews of heaven moisten for wayward and truant boys, by the city of the real meanings, bearings, and best modes of it, that it may sparkle like a thousand clustered diawith these cottages arranged near by, something shine. They do not ridicule the dear old tin lanterns, Buffalo, N. Y.

#### Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D. Presiding Elder New York District.

It is a record-breaking year - this that is just closing - may the New Year be a better! The Epsure defence.

New York City.

### Rev. William F. Warren, D. D., LL. D.

President Boston University. A HINT FOR EPWORTH YOUTHS.

So men so freely out and in, And choose their arms and fight and win, But none can shut the open door, All writ with signs of mystic lore, Where weapons stout and old and good For each man's utmost hardihood Lie ready, o uniless, priceless, free, Vithiu the magic armory.

#### Bishop J. C. Granbery. Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

things in the Lord.

### Rev. W. F. McDowell, D. D.

Chancellor Denver University.

A half-million Leaguers in January, 1892, ought to bring to Christ at least another half million now unsayed. That would be a greater achievement than Columbus won. The New Testament shows how to of the church. The New Testament shows how that can be done. They ought to throng our colleges in preparation for a glorious future; and every chapter ought to have one student - needy and worthy - in college all the time. That would be something to the Epworth League seek a double portion of the work for. All our young people in the League; all million souls for the Master! This for 1892. Denver, Colo.

### Bishop C. D. Foss.

Me: bodist Episcopal Church. The possibilities of the Epworth League seem to me unimaginably glorious, if it shall be always and everywhere a League with and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Religion first, middle and last; not cant, nor sanctimony, nor pretence, but such unconventional, frank, everyday religion as young people must have if they have any worth speaking of; and their literature, music, sociability, and even innocent amusement, all in plain sight of the central citadel and so planned as to be its strong and beautiful bulwark; - that is my ideal of the Epworth League. Philadelphia, Pa.

### Mrs. M. B. Claffin.

Wife of Ex-Governor William Claffin. "Youth is not merely a lovely phase of the transient years; it is a pervading quality of character: a light in itself, and an inspiration to all surrounding lives. The lovely heart-freshness that we call youth is the natural flowering forth of spiritual being."

Boston, Mass.

### Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The seed is the word of God; the field is the world. Kansas City, Mo.

#### Rev. Henry A. Buttz, D. D. President Drew Theological Seminary.

Accept cordial New Year's greetings for the Epworth League. By the grand work it has already achieved, the League has demonstrated its right to be. The that the good work will go on with increasing and constantly enlarging usefulness. May the New Year our book of Discipline as will leave it with the indiopen with brightest prospects!

### Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D.

Editor Christian Advocate (Church South). The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is just ten months old. It has already, Pearson whether he was about to strike his colors, "has not yet begun to fight." What the outcome will be, who can tell? Certainly no ecclesiastical

tion guilty of gross frauds, including a miss- ly adopt the Epworth League. It is destined to be- England, with the hope that they may be worthy of intelligent exercise of Christian zeal and faithful use come universal with Methodism." The sequel is known. More and more it wins its widening way.

England, what the hope that they may be worthly or of opportunities this year will blossom into the larger fathers: "True to their principles, earnest in the'r activities and usefulness of years to come. May the convictions; saving much and giving much; taking privileges of the present and the sure hope of the managing their own thriftily."

Bishop J. P. Newman.

Nashville, Tenn.

Methodist Episcopal Church. The Epworth League is young Methodism. It stands for all that is beautiful, hopeful and aggressive in the youthhood of ten millions of adherents of our

Omaha, Neb.

#### Rev. E. L. Southgate.

Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Happy New Year to the Epworth League! Bethehem had an echo when John Wesley was born in Epworth rectory. I offer a white rosebud, plucked in Epworth garden, as a symbol for the New Year. Fresh, pure, fragrant: let the Sun of Righteoneness shine upon it until its petals unfold and display a men and maidens, "Worship the Lord with psaltery central building for offices, laundry, kitchen, etc., and trust and rest in Christ. They let their light holiness! Hear that "sweetest voice," "Abide in Me and I in you." So shall you bring forth " much after the plan of the cottage system for the insane. but they themselves try to shine through clean, clear fruit." Unfurl the banner of the cross, and march ties for little routine deeds of eternal import. Every It is hoped thereby to prevent crime rather than to glass. They try to be believing and busy Christians to the music of the angels' song, "Glory to God in Epworth Leaguer ought to make sure that every the highest; on earth peace, good-will toward men.' The race of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! an uplift to some struggling soul. Lexington, Ky.

### Mrs. John A. Legan.

To the Epworth League cordial greetings and earnest wishes for continued success in their glorious work.

Washington, D. C.

### E. R. Graham.

Layman Methodist Episcopal Church. The Epworth League is a great success. Some

very enthusiastic conventions have been held in the Northwest. It seems to be just the thing for the young people; it binds them together, and they are better fitted to work for the Master's cause.

St. Paul, Minn.

### Bishop I. W. Joyce.

Methodist Episcopal Church. young people of Methodism, and congratulate them on the marvelous success of the Epworth League. Its influence is spreading, its power is growing, and its autlook for usefulness is inspiring. I thank God for what has been achieved by our young people in this great movement; and if the spirit of thorough consecration to God, of unwavering lovalty to Christ, and supreme love for the allotted work of the League, shall continue to animate and direct in all the plans and movements of the League, then will Redeem the time. In malice be ye children; in the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church understanding, men. Fill your minds with light, be the agents, in God's hands, for doing a work that the church, and in promoting spirituality

Chattanooga, Tenn.

### Bishop W. W. Duncan. Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

As a New Year's message to the friends of the Epworth League I commend the following words of John Wesley: "I desire to have a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ.' "We are always open to instruction, willing to be wiser do it. These same Leaguers could transform the life every day than we were before, and to change whatever we can change for the better."

### Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks. "A Happy New Year," and a prosperous one, to speed the universal empire of the Son of God! the Epworth League! No development of our myriad-sided Christianity is fraught with greater possibilities and brighter promises of blessings for the world than this grand organization of the youth of Methodism.

### Bishop H. W. Warren.

Epworthians -Their ideal: The perfect stature of manhood. The excellence of the power: In God, not us. The guide-book: The Bible. The end: Everlasting life. The glory: Unto Him who loved us and died

for us. Denver, Colo.

#### Bishop J. M. Walden. Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Epworth, last September, I felt, even more than before, that the Epworth League is Wesleyan in spirit prayer. and purpose. Methodism aims to bring under the power of the Gospel those who need it most - i. e., o save them, fit them for Christ's service, and give them Christ's work to do. Because of their own possibilities and their relation to the future, the young need the Gospel most. Many and great interests are conserved through the salvation of young men and women. The Epworth League, in accord with the genius of Methodism for work, plans for useful, helpful service in many forms, bringing into earnest and blessed co-operation those with one talent and those with ten. To the strength of union it adds the enthusiasm of young hearts, and all Methodism feels a new impulse. Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### Rev. W. S. Studley, D. D. Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.

I hope our next generation of Epworth Leaguers wisdom of its management aiready shown, is a proof | will have influence enough with some General Conference of their time to secure such a "revision" of vidual conscience to decide what "diversions" may be taken "in the name of the Lord Jesus," and so check the tendency of so many of our intelligent and self-respecting young people towards other evangelical folds.

climax of destiny," is an aphorism of a Boston min-

a great deal of interest in their neighbors' affairs and future be an inspiration to you, and may you all have a Happy New Year in glad consecration of hearts and lives to the service of the Master. Boston, Mass.

### Bishop J. F. Hurst.

Methodist Episcopal Church. The Epworth League has grown to wonderful dimensions in a very short time. Kind words are said is seriously doubted — whether more of good than great church. It is the most conspicuous and mag- of it on every hand. It is making history rapidly. of evil is its net result. That such a change is possithis is threatened, Mercler and the Liberals, it is said, will appeal to the Pope. Of course a victory for the Liberals may cut off the supplies of the government, when there will be conquer.

The armor of righteousness, and in its hand the sword of command and is marching forward, conquering and to conquer.

The armor of righteousness, and in its hand the sword of commission may cut, off the spirit, it has already heard the word of command and is marching forward, conquering and to conquer.

Omaha. Neb.

Omaha. Neb. The responsibility which rests upon its leaders is far greater than one can easily imagine. The lines of work for the League are well defined, and it is of the utmost importance that each member do full duty in every department of this great work. The success in every department of this great work. The success of the League is best assured by walking steadily in the path of duty and by endeavoring to help others; and that can be done by getting such light and help from God as He is willing to give to all His faithful servants. For 1892 I wish the League abundant suc- bath. It would be admitted by all right-thinking cess, and then, when the belis of 1893 come, it will people that religious acts and services are in them. be found that its numbers have advanced to a half- selves as proper and as acceptable to God, when held million of members.

Washington, D. C.

### Bishop W. F. Mallalieu.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Brief mortal life affords but few opportunities for actions supremely great, but numberless opportunithought, word, and deed should glorify God and be

New Orleans, La.

### Emily Huntington Miller.

Dean Woman's College, Evanston. "Look Up and Lift Up" is a condensed Gospel, uniting the broad invitation "Come!" with the the holiday Sabbath, is all too rapidly assuming the great command "Go." Come, for healing, for help, place of the Sabbath of the holy day. Ought, then, world," filled with the light "in which is no dark- does. I speak here from a protracted, careful and Fed with the bread and refreshed with the water of proportion of the attendants on this gatheringlife, and then sent to offer to the starving multitude, "without money and without price," that which alone can satisfy its hunger and quench its thirst. You cannot "lift up" until you first "look up;" From this part of the field I send greetings to the you cannot "look up" without wishing to "lift up." Evanston, Ill.

### Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D.

Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Epworth League of McKendree Church, Nashelegantly furnished room, adorned with historic which they dare engage without attracting too much pictures, a small but well assorted library, and an attention, or too openly violating the regulations of earnest and working membership. It is especially the place. If the rules are enforced, and the strolling active in looking after strangers, in distributing charities, in training young Christians to work for the camp-ground, and there, free from restraint, do

Nashville, Tenn. Bishop D. A. Goodsell.

#### Methodist Episcopal Church. I say, All hail to the Epworth League! It promises to do, and is doing, the great work of training intelligent Methodists and broad-minded Christians. May it prosper beyond all our hopes! Fort Worth, Texas.

### Bishop C. B. Galloway.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South. I pray that the New Year may bring sublimer Leagues of Ecumenical Methodism. May the Spirit that presided over the Enworth parsonage in Lincolnshire continue to bless the children of the church, be met without it. I have heard this said repeatedand raise up other Wesleys whose conquests will ly. So the financial aspect is kept steadily in view, Jackson, Miss.

### Bishop W. X. Ninde.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Warmest greetings to fellow Epworthians! May the New Year mark the springing freshness of a re newed life in Christ Jesus! May our young people covet the richest blessings of grace, and fill up the as widely as patronage may be hoped for. Then, measure of their days with the double service of acrifice and labor!

Topeka, Kansas.

### Rev. B. P. Raymond, D. D.

President Weslevan University. to record the growth of your League as the most onade and soda water are provided, and a crowd of noteworthy feature of our Methodism for the year. young people are their patrons. All these things I That the year 1892 may be made memorable by your myself have seen, and as recently as the last sumzeal for good works, and the largest spiritual results, mer. Then we are told in the papers of the imthroughout all your societies, is my most earnest mense numbers on the ground, of the throngs in the

Middletown, Conn.

### Bishop S. M. Merrill.

Methodist Episcopal Church. An army of young people in array for Christ! What can be more inspiring? The Epworth League means faith, devotion, spirituality. It aims to unite heart, hand, life, influence, and all the resources of genuine Christianity, in building stalwart Christian character, and in rescuing souls from the meshes of worldliness. Its whole life accords with the mission of Jesus Christ. In sympathy and effort it is one of Jesus Christ. In sympathy and effort it is one | that the with Him. Standing apart from specialties, it widens in its progress to the needs of every class. is greater than any visible good it brings. It is It stretches its hand to help the weakest, the lowlinot denied that some good is accomplished, some est, the outcast, as well as to encourage the wavering valuable spiritual results are secured. But over in more favored circles. Hall to the Epworth against this put the evil that must follow from such League! The church bids it welcome. Its birth things as I have described — the lessening of regard bespeaks its providential call to life. God grant it a for the sacredness of the Sabbath, already too little, career of unparalleled prosperity. Amen! Chicago, Ill.

### Rev. William Arthur, M. A.

Tongue of Fire." Everett 0. Fisk.

Layman Methodist Episcopsi Church.

"Character is destiny in the bud; destiny, character developed, and judgment the culmination and the service of a Bootton win."

Layman Methodist Episcopsi Church.

"Character is destiny in the bud; destiny, character developed, and judgment the culmination and the service of the s knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion now undertake the nice task of balancing responsi-League, with the knowledge of the true God and of Of the possible camp meeting, held on week days ister. The Epworth League of to-day is our church of to-morrow in the bud, and, according to God's

### THE SUNDAY CAMP-MEETING.

II.

REV. GEO. S. CHADBOURNE, D. D.

I N my first paper I specified several things which have contributed to bring the modern campmeeting into disrepute, and to defeat those ends for which the gathering is supposed to be held. In view of the facts there stated, the conclusion would seem resistless, either that the present status of the meeting should be changed, or that it should be discontinued. For it may well be doubted - and by many

### Sunday Camp-Meeting.

To this, as now generally conducted, there are a number of serious objections. But the objections do not lie in the fact alone that it is held on the Sabin a grove, as in any other place; and if they should be conducted there so as to be as free from objection. able features as they usually are in churches and in some other places, there could be no just ground of complaint against them; but at present they are rarely so conducted. In most instances abuses and evils have become associated with them, and it is against these that the protest is justiy raised. Foremost among these is the fact that they furnish the

#### temptation and the opportunity for Sabbath Desecration.

To those who will read these lines I need offer no argument in behalf of our American, our Christian Sabbath. Neither does any careful observer need to be told of that great and imminent peril to which it is now exposed. He knows well that there is a growing disregard among the masses of its sanctions and restraints; that among these the Continental, for wisdom. Go to carry to others what you have the church, ought Christian people, to add to this received. As you go, "Look unto Jesus, the author peril, to countenance in any way this growing disand finisher of your faith;" "As you go, preach, regard? The answer to this question is sufficiently saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." First evident, and in presence of that answer I affirm that "chosen out of the world," then "sent forth into the this is just what the average Sunday camp-meeting ness at all." Then bidden to let that light so shine candid study of the subject. My opportunities for that men, seeing it, may glorify its divine source. that study have been ample. I affirm that a large considerably more than one-half - are not there with any purpose or thought of worship, or with any desire to receive spiritual good, but simply for purposes of recreation. The day is to them a holiday, a picnic, and their sole aim is to get out of it as much of diversion and enjoyment as they may obtain from such a day. The proof of this is seen in their conduct. They do not attend the services; many of them do not go near them. If within the enclosure, they stroll about there, engaged in conversation, in greetrille, Tenn , numbers about 100 members. It has an ings with acquaintances, in almost anything in prohibited for a portion of the day, they pass outside as they list. Literally, often, "the woods are full of them," and the conversation, the conduct, the general spirit there seen, are anything but such as become the holy Sabbath. Much of it would not bear de From these by railway trains and other conveyances great numbers come to the camp-ground on the Sabbath, and not a few of these are from the lowest class of the population. They bring their morals and their manners with them, and exhibit both as fully as they dare to do. The result is, that the day is sadly desecrated; and in the name of religion, or in connection with a religious gathering, much occurs which works no good to religion, but a measureless

### Another feature of this desecration is the

Worldly Traffic which in most places is allowed to be carried on. opportunities and larger usefulness to the Epworth | The managers of most of our camp-grounds are frank enough to declare that the Sunday meeting is to them a necessity; the financial demands cannot and much effort put forth to get as much money as possible. Presiding elders and ministers have spoken to me of their great grief at this, and of their protests, sometimes fruitless, against some of the things done. The most attractive preachers that can be had are secured for the Sabbath, and their names heralded hrough all the region. Trains regular and extra are run to the ground, and advertised when the crowds have come, their pockets are sought as well as their souls. Indeed, the question might sometimes be raised which is more desired. At the boarding stands provisions are on sale for dwellers on the ground, and great preparations made to furnish meals to the crowd. Confectionery, fruit, and other things are exposed for sale, and numbers gath-MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: The year 1891 has er about the place, buying and eating them. Lemdining hall, and of the quantities of various kinds of provisions consumed; and, as the results of it, all the managers can report that the meeting paid expenses, and perhaps lessened the debt on the property. Well, I grant that financially this meeting may be voted a success, but as to the religious results, I have grave doubts. If the Master Himself should appear in some of these places, as He did in the olden temple, I fear that the scourge of cords might again be wielded and some men and some things be

Amount of Evil Wrought

and the lowering of respect for religious services held under such circumstances - and it seems but too evident that all the benefits derived are but poor compensation for the harm that must thus come. Apologists and defenders of the meeting are wont to Wesleyan Methodist Church, England. Author of say that Christian people are not responsible for this harm; their sole aim is to get and do good. The "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and evil lies at the doors of them that do it. I do not

Newton Centre, Mass.

### PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK.

Wm. M. Flanders, Treasurer,

THERE is just one thing I want to tant work before the members of our this world. chapters. Now the long winter evenings are upon us, and the opportunity of meeting in little circles for reading, I hope you will improve this opportunity. The winter will soon be over and this chance gone.

Our authorities have at last all the books of the reading course ready, and they have prepared a little leastet no name standing higher on the roll The statement has been made that selected is interesting, and it is profitencouraged by it to use your life as and oppressed. He was a lofty, pure-Stuart's book will introduce you to the sweet singers of the Christian Church, and James Russell Lowell the pure and lofty verse of his "Sir with the humblest personal, missionary Launfal and Other Pieces." The read. toil, all crowned with the deepest, ings in the Discipline will surprise you most unaffected piety! What generence of our God.

these books with you this winter, and age creeping on me and know that I can you not arrange for an occasional must soon die - I hope it is not wrong meeting to review what you have read, to say it - but I cannot bear to leave and have essays and talks upon kindred the world with all the misery in it." topics? I believe you can get up such He was actually connected with about reading circles in every chapter in New every charity in London. He defend-England, and have the most delightful ed every suffering interest. Boottimes together.

I will put right here the suggestion offered in the circular, that may help in the planning of the reading for

DECEMBER. The Gospel according to Matthew Readings from the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church — Paragraphs 1-27.

'The Origin of the Methodist Episcopal Church " and " The Articles of Religion. Gospel Singers and their Songs. Chapters

Sister Dora. Chapters i, it. Required readings in the Epworth Herald JANUARY.

The Gospel according to Mark. Readings from the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church — Paragraphs 28-42. "The General Rules" and "The Membership of the Church." Gospel Singers and their Songs. Chapters

Sister Dora. Chapter iii.

Required Readings in the Epworth Herald

vice-president, and he will help you.

WILLIAM INGRAHAM HAVEN.

### ANTONY ASHLEY COOPER, SEVENTH EARL OF SHAFTES-BURY, K. G.

REV. W. H. TURKINGTON. grapple with the problem of England's criminal classes, in its breadth of symthe strong philanthropic purpose excurrent of that marvelous life whose death is so deeply lamented on two continents. His well-known strong obreverent, grotesque, rollicking methcharity, for he says: "I am prepared all my heart, the exhortation of Gamaliel. 'If this counsel or this work be of

and who made it his business to know, just what the phrase, "In Darkest divine call; but I am satisfied that God still remains, has not taken hold of the England," covered, that man was

Lord Shaftesbury. In the dead of night, with lighted langregated, places that were "the de- lofty spirit!

of time, but the student of English his- pressive, unjust, unmerciful, in which tory in the twentieth century will find he is not personally interested." ret Lonsdale's "Sister Dora," and be life ambitions, to the cause of the poor it can be successfully contradicted. nobly as did this English girl. Mr. minded statesman who could not be whose heroism was sublime.

What interblending of parliamentary will teach you many noble truths in duties, philanthropic and social labors. by turning out interesting instead of osity of nature, what tenderness and dry, and the readings in the New Tes- kindliness of heart, what rare self-sactament will bring you into the pres- rifice, what courageous bearing up under crushing financial burdens! How the world's suffering touched his soul! Now can you not find some one to read Hear him as he says: "When I feel blacks, chimney-sweeps, costermon- office, the intrigue, the affectation, the gers, factory operatives, lunatics, pausocieties, he gave his life to help and severe trials in this matter that he exliterally scores of other causes and defend. He was also president of the

December and January. Just begin with the December work and catch up when you can.

defend. He was also president of the British and Foreign Bible Society and of the Society for the Prevention of Craelty to Animals. He was always Cruelty to Animals. He was always in demand to preside at great public meetings in the interest of reform. Probably no man in England has presided over so many religious assemblies and great missionary and Bible Society gatherings in halls, as this man has. He lived in a constant atmosphere of prayer. His thorough consecration to God is manifest in strong statement of Lord Ashley. everything, and his devotion to his

family is beautiful and touching. For twenty years I have met with any clear, definite conception of the

such a career, so exalted, so intensely TTHE recent publication of General was an English nobleman whose nobilvast poor population and degraded above the common people. His life world will miss him! and deeds are a sharp, powerful rebuke principles, in the great crises of flerce social questions, no base sycophancy, ment in general on account of its ir- no latitudinarianism, no homage to Bright, Melbourne, Wellington, Russel, haply, ye be found to fight even against When, in 1855, Lord Palmerston urged alone and overcame greater opposition. est circles of English society, go into operatives are still excluded from the sacrifice of honor and office, and such the darkest corners of England's me- benefits of the Factory Acts, and so devout resistance to unlimited abuse. tropolis, among disreputable courts and long as they are unprotected, I cannot Lord Shaftesbury's work was costly. alleys where thieves and harlots con- take office." A noble answer from a The fate of all reformers was his. He

Holborn, on the Straud, in Lambeth and Westminster, in Whitechapel and Spitalfields, where the squalid, half-fed, half-naked, filthy masses seemed to be stewing in the exhalations of their seeming in the exhalations of their sugresting in the exhalations of their seeming in the exhalations of their sugresting in the exhalations of their success, notably the introduction of electric lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lights at their expense. At the close of this able dry-goods houses on Washington Street lig stewing in the exhalations of their own uncleanness, and put himself in commiserate, personal contact with these wretched beings; and then, in Parliament and out, worked day and night for their relief. Some of General Booth's plans of alleviation were anticipated and carried out years ago, on a certain scale, by Lord Ashley.

A guide conducting a tourist up the stewing in the exhalations of their own uncleanness, and put himself in vagrants' hiding-place arousing the vagrants' hiding-place aro A guide conducting a tourist up the Rhigi sorrowfully observed: "I wish I lived in Holland, for there are men there." Grand mountains, beautiful lakes, sublime scenery, elegant tem
over some great gathering composed of the best people in England's metrop-paper in a recent issue, commending paper in a recent issue, commending described, she receives, net, our described, she receives, lakes, sublime scenery, elegant tem- can see him in the slums of the city, lectual and moral tonic. They constiples, seemed poor and tame enough to in the midst of an audience of five tute a great mine of spiritual profit. him compared with men measuring up to his ideal. Truly, man in the midst weapon or guard, calmly advising them of material splendors, surrounded by how to get out of the clutches of vite physical glories of the whole earth, clous habits, and lead an honest life, wealth of these volumes. No more THERE is just one thing I want to emphasize in this column this month, and that is the reading course. Last month I spoke of revival work, and that work will engage your heart. and that work will engage your heart- etary system. For him the hills were some important bill in the interests of eminent a Christian career. Here is a the bowels, brought on by scanty and irregular thicks. iest attention, I have no doubt, during the early weeks of the new year, wherever your churches hold special meetings. But there is other important bull in the interests of the early weeks of the new year, wherever your churches hold special meetings. But there is other important bull in the interests of factory operatives or other unfortunate classes. "That one man carries through Parliament scores of relief bills in the face of opposition, and, before the monuments and scenery of bills in the face of opposition, and, not a proposition of the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the new year, where the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the cocan flow, and legislators, most refreshing and bracing. His labors were simply promisely the properties of the new year, sum, moon and stars shine. There is the cocan flow, and legislators, most refreshing England, with her castles and cathe- the hours of labor, secures sanitary drals, her historic landmarks, her great provisions, educational opportunities, engineering works, her hospitals, char- better wages, better homes, and whatities, factories, schools and museums, ever else can improve the condition of bears evidence that "there are men the poor working people. There is there," and have been for long periods nothing near or far that is wrong, op-

giving full particulars about the of England's benefactors than the during a public life covering a period course, the best way in which to take name of Antony Ashley Cooper; and in of more than fifty years, he was identihold of it, the certificates, seals, etc. the history of the world he will find no fled with more organizations and meas-This leaflet can be obtained by sending name that shines with a brighter lustre ures for the uplifting of humanity than a stamp to Mr. C. R. Magee, 38 Brom- as a reformer than that of this man; any other man who ever lived. That field St., Boston. Mass. The reading nor an instance of a greater devotement is a strong, remarkable declaration, of high position, cultivated powers, but it is an extraordinary man concernable also. You will all enjoy Marga- time and strength and sympathy and ing whom it is made. I do not believe

> Canon Wilberforce has well said that such a life as Lord Shaftesbury's has cajoled, intimidated or bribed, and solved, by its devotion to the interests of others, the problem, "What was the value to the nation of an hereditary aristocracy?" Such nobility as this never decays; such an aristocracy as finds its exemplification in piety so deep and simple; in a consecration so entire to the salvation of lost, ruined humanity; in a humility and self-denial so profound; in a generosity so unstinted, is a crown of unfading glory to any land. Great, magnanimous, loving, righteous soul! Rare indeed in any age are such lives. This world is poorer since this good man left it. He has no equal in the American Congress. He has no successor in the British Par-

liament. What indignation was aroused in his soul at the party spirit, the love of selfishness, and the utter lack of moral pers, ragged schools, the blind, and principle in public life! It was because his righteous heart was wrung with we pray, have no more share in these concerns than the mines of Golconda One of them is an attractively gotten-up in the manufacture of green cheese." A famous remark of a Western senator recently elected to private life, concerning morals in politics and its puri-

### How beautiful, as we behold

This Christlike Man going among the ragged schools, talk- were not a "saint" for a little while, it is Lord Shaftesbury's name frequently ing with the children, listening to their when he handles such volumes prepared for in my range of reading in the periodic- tales of hunger and weeping! He says the trade of the Methodist Episcopal Church al press, and always as connected with they must be fed. He hurries from by one of the great publishing houses of the great philanthropic and missionary en- the building, ste, i into his brougham terprises or reformatory measures in and orders his coachman to drive home. If you want to ask any questions Parliament. It began to grow upon In a few hours two large churns of "The Young People's History of Methodabout this work, write to Judge L. E. me that he was no ordinary man; but soup are sent down - enough to feed ism." It is prepared by H. L. Smith and J. Hitchcock, Chicopee, Mass., our third not until his death and the great facts four hundred. This continues until W. Mahood, and is a book of about 225 of his long life were collated and during that winter 10,000 basins of pages. The authors have done their work brought to my attention, did I have soup and bread are distributed to these well. They have told the story from the poor creatures - soup made in his own rectory days at Epworth to the present deto which he had raised himself by his ily articles in his ancestral home in the history of the Methodist movement. consecrated activities. I feel mean, order to maintain his benefactions and And, by the way, it is a good plan to read meet his expenses. The friend of the poor and oppressed always; writing in his journal: "I often think, when fatigued, how much less my weariness dential origin and development will quicken the the vestry, where they were cordially welcomed by the reception committee. The wint rugs, tables, pictures and fancy lamps, which gave it a very pretty and homelike effect. Shortly after 8 o clock, the president, all thoughtful souls to increased zeal. We ashamed and humiliated, as I study meet his expenses. The friend of the this Methodist story every few years. It active, so unselfish and Christlike. He his journal: "I often think, when fa- an hour or two with the facts of our provi-Booth's startling book, "In ity needed no support from the garter must be than that of the wretched fac- all thoughtful souls to increased zeal. We Darkest England," in its benevolence and escutcheon. The distinction of tory women; " having great talents; of purpose, in its direct, energetic rank belonging to him by birth lifted occupying high position; generous, him not one particle in spirit and mien true and brave - how this poor lost

Blessed indeed is it to trace such pathy, in its greatness of plan, reminds to that contemptible spirit of caste life! Thickly studded as English hit- camera pictures and brain pictures. There us with freshness and force of that rethat so largely affects society. His tory is with great names, his name are junk-shops and tenement house courts, peerage, large estates, cultivated mind stands in the forefront, in some aspects whose name stands at the head of this and university degree gave him no superior to them all. Burke reminds article. Whatever may be thought of lordly airs and aristocratic exclusive- us of him in general, greater in philothe wisdom of General Booth's plans, ness of feeling. In contact continual- sophical cast of mind and in elucidatly with the leading men in Church and ing principles of government as a propressed is in direct line with the main State, in carrying great bills through found legislator, but inferior in his awake, spirited manner, and is warm with Parliament, in the declaration of vital popular hold upon the masses, in piety, loving sympathy for all who suffer. The in personal sympathy and breadth of debate, in the adjustment of vexed philanthropic and reformatory labor. Peel, Pitt, Fox, Palmerston, Cobden, popular opinion, was ever detected in Howard, Wilberforce, Salisbury and ods, did not absorb all his candor and him. He had the vision of a true states- Gladstone, are all eminent names, but man. The great aim of his life was to none of them shine with the splendor to wait . . . obeying, meanwhile, with elevate the common people, and as he that circles around the name of Lord found the only way to do this was to Shaftesbury. Wilberforce in his great get down to their plane, he refused all work had behind him a prime minister man it will come to naught; but if it be offices and honors that would put him and a strong committee. Shaftesbury of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest, at too great a distance from them. in his greatest reformatory work stood him to take a place in the ministry of His work, too, had greater breadth. If any man was in a position to know, the realm, he answered: "I cannot Gladstone, stern, imperious, intellectusatisfy myself that to accept office is a ally great as he is, influential as he has called me to labor among the heart of England in benevolent, repoor." Again, in 1866, Lord Derby formatory work, private and public, urged him to accept a high office in the with such sweep of effort, such sublime tern, did this man, moving in the high. government, when he said: "1,600,000 consecration to the highest ends, such

was roundly abused to the last. All trict.

what is worse - inertia. He shortens patience wonderful. How in one mortal life he could compress so much toil, amid such distractions (witness his out and voluminous journals), is to me a standing at the card, we are astonished to find that
ing a stonishment As a levislator as ing astonishment. As a legislator, as aphilanthropist, as a humble missionary haps, as widely as any. Three pairs of these and Christian worker, he deserves to be held up before the people as a bright dresses of the men for whom they are made example of undeviating integrity, earnest piety, unceasing activity, and of a courageous, self-sacrificing spirit. York house, the Boston firm acting as sweat-I cannot more appropriately close this article than in the beautiful, truth. morrow, when the messenger from the store

> For eighty years the champion of the right: Of hapless child neglected and forlorn : Of maniac dungeoned in his double night; Of woman over-tasked and labor-worn;

Of homeless boy in streets with peril rife; Of workman sickening in his airless den Of Indian parching for the streams of life; Of Negro slave in bonds of cruel men. Oh! friend of all the friendless 'neath the

Whose hand has wiped away a thousand

Whose fervent lips and clear, strong brain have done

God's holy service, lo! these eighty years-How meet it seems thy grand and vigorous

Should find, beyond man's race, fresh pangs to spare, And for the wronged and tortured brutes engage

In yet fresh labors and ungrudging care! For eighty years! Many will count them over. But none save He who knoweth all may

guess What those long years bave held of high endeavor,

Of world-wide blessing and of blessed ness."

### THE SIDE BOOK-SHELF.

ST. BOTOLPH.

their way into this cozy resting-place. volume, with good binding and interesting illustrations, published by Lee & Shepard of Boston; the other is a prim, homely fellow, with old-fashioned pictures put in here and there without adding anyfication as an "iridescent dream," puts thing to the appearance of the book. The us in sympathetic attitude with this latter volume is from the press of our Western Book Concern, a publishing house full of push in getting out books, but sadly lacking visitation and general parish work. The at a recent meeting of the board of manage-If St. Botolph ever feels as if he wishes he country, and attired in such an ugly dress as to be positively repulsive to all who love to handle an attractive book. This book is entitled, mansion in Grosvenor Square. He sells bate on the woman question. It should be his paintings and other valuable fam-ly articles in his constant the series of all our young people and read by all who have not recently gone over

> "swell" avenues and sand gardens. There is a picture of the Paul Revere House and Christ Church tower, and photographs of "The Peanutter," the "Banana Seller," "The Queen of the Dump," and "The Author." The book is written in a wideauthor keeps as clear, as one of his ardent temperament could be expected to, from the danger of forgetting that which a wise man said once, that "The under dog some times deserves to be the under dog." great text of the book is the word of Job may the author be spared Job's trials - in the morning and conducting Vesper Service The cause of him that I knew not for the League in the evening. He reports League should read this book, and then under the guidance of their pastor and the department of Mercy and Help do what they can to brighten up the sad homes about them. You can get just a taste of the book from reads a paper of reminiscences. Mr. C. R.

"I shall confine myself at this time entire-"I shall confine myself at this time entirely to the work of women and children in
their own homes. Most of this work is parcelled out to them by middlemen who are
known as "sweaters." That word sweater is
not in the old dictionaries. It is a foul word,
born of the greed and infernal lust for gold
which pervade the most reckless and wicked
financial circles of our time. The sweater
takes large contracts and divides it out takes large contracts and divides it out among the very poor, reducing the price to starvation limits, and reserving the profits

Boston case, which came to my notice through the dispensary doctor for the dis-trict. It is a widow with one child—a little

the expressage is taken out, she receives forty cents a day for the support of herself and

living, and she points to a package that has just come in. Picking it up, and untying the strings, I find there six pairs of pants, cut basted up, ready for making. Look. pants are custom-made; they are fashionable summer trousers, with the names and adtacked on them. The other three pairs are staruped with 'New York' as customer, from which we infer that they are made for a New er. This woman and her little children must finish these pants by the same hour toful lines of Miss F. P. Cobbe, presented to Lord Shaftesbury upon his eightieth being custom-made pants! In order to finish the six pairs in the twenty-four hours, she must get to work at six in the morning, and impreve every available moment until eleven or twelve in the evening, and sometimes, if the sick child is fretful, until one o'clock in the sick child is fretful, until one o clock in the morning. Her wages for this tremen-dous strain that is wearing her very life away, until she looks almost as frail as her dying child, is sixty cents? Her rent for these two small attic pockets is one dollar and fifty cents per week. She has one bed for herself and five children. Only through the aid of the Boston Baptist Bethel is she able to keep up the struggle. And wet O my brothers! up the struggle. And yet, O my brothers; this is in sight of the old North Church, and the tower where they hang the lanterns for a signal to Paul Revere, when he rode through the darkness to arouse the Fathers to fight against oppression. God help us to hang another light for liberty in the midst of this

### FRESH FROM THE FIELD. REV. P. N. UPHAM.

Boston, Mass, Harrison Square. - The League at this church is one of the most active, progressive and loyal we have seen. Its meetings are well attended. Written reports, abounding in the work of the Lord." He is missions. He edits their excellent paper, published monthly, the Epworth Messenger. Through his encouragement the League has

ham spoke before this League, Dec. 8, and greatly enjoyed his visit. Augusta, Me. - Green St. Chapter interests all departments is being pushed with enthusiasm. New accessions to membership occur every week. Devotional and Bible study meetings, as well as general literary and social meetings, are largely attended. The Mercy and Help department promises fitted up. The outlook is hopeful.

Epworth Church in India. Rev. F. N. Up-

Somerville, Mass., Flint St. Church. - The secretary of Hurlbut Chapter writes: -"Although we cannot boast of numbers, we are rather proud of our League and the work it is doing. We hold devotional meet-ings on Sunday evenings just before the regular service. Our social meetings are held twice a month, and are very interesting and well attended. Our hterary committee pre-pares excellent programs for each meeting, taking an author or poet for the subject, or, sometimes, a noted city, as was the case at a sometimes, a noted city, as was the case at a recent meeting, when we had a 'Trip to Chicago.' Our last meeting, which occurred Dec. 2, was 'An Evening with Mozart,' and as we had not had a social this season, it was closeded to meet in the vester and invite our. friends to spend the evening with us. In response, a large company, including visitors from other Leagues in the city, assembled in Rev. Charles M. Melden, called the

freshments were served, and the rest of the Schoppelry, Everett. evening was passed socially.

Old Orchard, Me. - Rev. M. C. Beale, of and giving every sign of a successful life.

Malden, Mass. - Dec. 30, the League, chapter 204, will hold an Old Year's Sociable. Miss Hannah Haven, sister of the Bishop, Mazee gives memories of the Sunday-school in the old church. A crayon portrait of John Wesley will be presented by a member of the League. It is elegantly framed in old oak. ventions recently: "What is the best kind The reception will close with a novel enter- of Epworth applause?" If we could have

astic gathering. Exercises were held in the always pleasant, especially when in its repetifive members have been added; thirteen have We are glad to see Methodist terminology

success, notably the introduction of electric self and wife, a beautiful silk banner bearing the ensign and colors of the League and the name, "George C. King Chapter 654" in gold letters. The gift met with a hearty response from the audience and a very cordial reception by the president. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. M. C. Beale, of Boston. In a pleasing and skillful manner he treated the theme, "The Epworth Trained Official," holding the large audience to the very last. At the close of the address the chapter, with invited guests, adjourned to the vestry for refreshments and a social. This is one of our live chapters, always at work and always accomplishing something; and, best of all, it is loyal to the church and to the pastor. This is the fourth year of Bro. Kidder's pastorate, and it is by far the most successful. Music was furnished by the Epworth mixed quartet.

Stoneham, Mass. - The secretary sends the following report of the Janior League: -

"The interest in the League is increasing weekly. We started our meetings as soon as our pastor returned from his trip abroad, about the first of October, and at each meeting new interest has been shown. Eighteen new members have joined since the vacation, making a total membership of 90, with an average dance of 40. At first we found it quite difficult to attract the boys, but now we have quite as many boys as girls, and their interest does not flag. The boys and girls enjoy blackboard talks very much. We have, also, a Junior League punch with punch cards, and this proves truly a help. We find plenty to do to interest our young folks; indeed, we have hardly time to do all we have planned, and the children seem in no hurry for the close of the meeting.

Reading, Mass. - Bro. Oliver W. Austin president of the League last year and just re elected for another year, was presented on Christmas Eve with a magnificent gold Epworth Cross. His fellow members thus honor one to whom honor is due. For painstaking and devoted service this brother cannot be excelled. During his presidency the League has succeeded remarkably. A new piano is soon to be bought. Members are being added at every meeting. Mr. Harry Lewis gave a most interesting talk upon rattan and its manufacture a few weeks ago. This was made intensely pleasing by specimens of work and many illustrations. This was one of a series of "Trade Evenings" that the League has enjoyed.

Suncook, N. H. - The pastor, Rev. R. W. Webster, recently from New York, has adapted himself splentidly to his new home and church. He believes in the League, and has 70 earnest members already under the Epworth banner. The local paper reports the following Epworth League concert: -

"The A. C. Manson Epworth League were greeted with a large audience at their Thanksgiving concert. The choir were re-enforced by the presence of the Dartmouth students, Messrs. John Gault, E. E. Jones and Natt M. Emery, and Miss Edith Stearns of the State Normal School—all home on vacation. Mr. Geo. H. Wilkins presided at the organ. Chaplain McCabe's dream of In gersoliville was vividly reproduced; Lowell's Christian poem, 'Sir Launfal's Vision,' was rendered; an address on the origin and reasons for Thanksgiving day was given; show good work in all departments. The pastor, Rev. William Full, is "always Ann, were read. The offerings were then received for the poor, after which the pastor happy in his pastorate. The League is fortu-nate in having among its members Mr. John Ramsdell, an enthusiast on the subject of read a letter enclosing a contribution towards of the national holiday."

### Junior Supplies.

raised almost enough - \$50 - to have an Managers of Junior Leagues wishing hints, materials for an interesting missionary program, will find just what they need at the depot of supplies of the W. F. M. S. Adnever before were so prosperous. Work in dress Miss M. A. Nichols, 13 Vinal Ave., Somerville, Mass.

#### Next Annual Meeting. The annual meeting for 1892 of the Ep-

worth League of the New England District most efficient aid to the pasto" in systematic will be held in Worcester. That was decided League rooms have just been very tastefully ment held in Boston. The date for the meeting has not been fixed, but it will probably be held in the early part of October, if Mechanics' Hall can be secured then. The Worceste Epworthians are elated over the decision and will make elaborate arrangements for the meeting. Committees will be appointed by all the Leagues in the city, which will meet the first Monday in January and organize as a general committee of arrangements with full power. - Worcester Daily Telegram.

Dec. 10. A pleasant reception with an abundant collation preceded the regular exercises. An orchestra furnished music. Mr. H. S. Thompson, of Chelsea, district president, presided during the evening. Rev. Dr. Banks, of Boston, was expected to deliver the address, but was detained by sickness. "Disappoint ment vanished," says our correspondent. "when Rev. W. I. Haven appeared as the advise you to get this volume and plunge into it, forgetting its severe garb.

The other book is Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Sanks' "White Slaves." Here everything is put takingly, from cover to concluding poem. The book is all full of pictures—

"Mozart." Cake and coff-se were served later, and the remainder of the evening reveal later, and increase of 529 sizes that the company "when Rev. W. I. Haven appeared as the substitute." He spoke effectively upon "The limportance of Soul Winning." After the didress a business meeting was held. The secretary reported that 42 chapters had sent in returns, showing a membership of 3,408—

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Especial attention is called to Rev. C. E. Boston, visited this church Dec. 12, preaching Spaulding's article, entitled, "An Important Work for the Juniors." Here is something perfectly practicable. We have seen much I searched out." All the members of the the League as very active, having 75 members good come from instructing the children in kindness to animals. We hope to report many of our Junior Leagues as taking up this work. Any League may become auxillary to the Band of Mercy by promising to devote one meeting monthly to the consideration of its humane themes.

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replied, this would have been our answer: East Weymouth, Mass. - On Friday even- The waving of the handkerchief is distincting, Dec. 11, Chapter 654 celebrated their ively Chautauquan. We don't reject the second anniversary. It was a very enthusi- clapping of the hands, though that is not newly-decorated audience-room of the church, tion it resembles corn-popping. We never brilliantly lighted by electricity. The retir take to our heels, so, of course, don't stamp. ing president, S. C. Burgoyne, gave a very But we do believe in the old Methodist Amen. flattering report of the year's work: Sixty- We want a revival of that; indeed we do.

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REV. C. E. SPAULDING. The Junior League should introduce the children of Methodism to every form of prac tical godliness. It should be at once a Juvenile Missionary Society, Temperance Society, Purity Club, Helping Hand Society, and should be enrolled in the Grand Army of Christian Education. Its usefulness will also he immensely increased if the work of humane education can be carried on by the Leagues. Any Junior League can be constiented a Band of Mercy, auxiliary to the Band of Mercy of America, by devoting one meeting a month to the subject of kindness to all. and by adding to its pledge the following promise: "I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them rom cruel usage." When this is done, notify Ar. Geo. T. Angell, 19 Milk St., Boston, Mass., president of the Parent American Band of Mercy, and receive an enrollment number. If your League numbers 30, Mr. angell will send you a copy of Band of Mercy Songs and many leaflets containing anecdotes and poems sure to inspire the League with interest in the most Christian virtues of gentieness and kindness to all.

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John Wesley died on March 2, 1791, a hun-them are: "Degradation of Pensions - the showing that he built wiser, stronger and ish Persecution - its Financial and Internavital, religious force in the world, and the "French Feeling towards Gormany," by 1891, aged 71 years. Camille Pelletan; three notable financial papers by J. H. Schiff, Horace White, and H. W. Cannon; "Reformatory or Primitive photographed the present status of Method- Prison Management?" by Elijah C. Foster; "Need School be a Blight to Child-Life?" by Dr. J. M. Rice; and " A Day with Lord Tennyson," by Sir Edwin Arnold. New York: The Forum Publishing Co.

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Robert Louis Stevenson and Lloyd Osborne
continue their fascinating story, "The Wreckcontinue their fascinat on all sorts of subjects - social, literary, and James T. Fields, Louise Imogen Guiney, church could not hold those who sought admisethical; and through them all there breathes Bessie Chandier, and Thomas Bailey Aldrich. sion. Floral tributes in great abundance came

The Popular Science Monthly for December contains many excellent and valuable papers, This is a charming little volume for chil Mann; "Dust," by J. G. McPherson; and worth League; but he did not remain long

Charlotte M. Vaile, opens the contents delightfully, and then follows "Christmas with O'e Sherman," by E. G. Parker. Jessie MR. EDITOR: Permit me to call the at- Benton Fremont chronicles about "The Fairy tention of your readers, and especially those (Content; " Capt. Curtis, U. S. A., begins "The War of the Schools;" and John Mead work of Miss Amelia B. Edwards on Howells, son of the novelist, has a short story, "Such Stuff as Dreams are Made Of." Then in an almost endless succession there are in this interesting number stories, ballads, illustrations. It will make many a Christmas happier for its sunny presence. D. Lothrop Co.: Boston.

The December Chautauquan has papers by Hall, Major Powell, Emily Huntington Miller, and Kate Gannett Wells. But all the trials, but could always say, "The Lord hath papers, and the poetry, are of the highest teresting, but too short, paper on "Fur-Seal comfort a bereaved father who has proved that Dr. Theodore L. and the Seal Islands."

The Christmas Harper's is full of good familiar names to Old Testament students, things. There are, first of all, stories by and now when so sorely needed, buttressing Thomas Bailey Aldrich, M. E. M. Davis, effectually the genuineness and historic ac- Richard Harding Davis, and F. D. Millet; curacy of the Old Testament Pentateuchal poems by Harriet Prescott Spofford, W. W. and prophetical writings. Portrait painting Gilchrist, Annie Fields, and James Russell and portrait sculpture occupy the third and Lowell. Then there are three fine descripfourth chapters, while in the fifth is clearly tive papers - "The Annunciation," by shown the indebtedness of Greek art to its Henry Van Dyke; " Chartering a Nation," deals with Egypt's literature and religion, London," by Walter Besant. Andrew and forms a chapter of marvelous interest, as | Lang dissects " Measure for Measure." from the cumbersome hieroglyph fitted only a fine dialect Christmas legend: " Melchior. The December North American Review's

two most notable papers are: " Thoughts on the Negro Problem," by James Bryce, M. P., and "The Quorum in European Legislatures" - with letters from several distinguished foreign parliamentarians - by The-D. Wright, in " A Great Statistical Investigaion," offers some practical suggestions. " Is Corporal Punishment Degrading?" is answered negatively by the Dean of St. Paul's. Ex-Prime Minister Crispi furnishes the second part of " Italy and the Pope." General Horace Porter argues in behalf of the railroads in a paper on "Railway Rates;" and T. V. Powderly for free silver in "The Workingman and Free Silver." New York:

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### Obituaries.

Comston. - Mr. Joshua Comston died Monmouth, Me., July 9, 1891, aged 75 years. The December Attacks.

He possessed the marked traits of character that distinguish the people of Maine. He was born in Scarboro, but came to Monmouth in his youth and was one of the most e-teemed citi sens of the place. He was converted under the able paper, "A Torch Bearer." Harriet 1858, and was an official member for fourteen Lewis Bradley reports "The Unreported In- years. He was kind, generous, and ever ready cident." Alexander V. G. Allen traces "The to lend a helping hand to the needy. He was at his best in his home. He loved the church, and was a loyal Methodist and a most constant attendant on the public services. His death was a public loss, and he is mourned by all who knew him. The funeral services were held in "The Praises of War." Charles H. Moore the church, Sunday afternoon, Dr. J. R. Day offi-

Knight. - Shepherd Knight was born in Alstead, N. H, Jan. 1, 1805, and died July 16, 1891, aged 84 years, 6 months. D. Tarbell, of Wethersfield, Vt., Jan. 1, 1830. She preceded him to the glory land in 1870. He was married to Mrs. Maria D. Parsons, who The Forum for December comprises many survives him, Nov. 7, 1871. He was converted interesting and valuable papers. Among in 1834, and joined the M. E. Church in 1835. He has been a good man, loved and respected by

Savage. - Mrs. Alfa Tenney Savage was born in Hartford, Vt., Aug. 20, 1820, and passed over broader than he knew. Methodism is a vast, tional Aspects," by A. Leroy-Beaulier; to the "sweet and blessed country," Nov. 4,

She was married to Hiram Savage, of Lancaster, Sept. 28, 1844. She became a member of the M. E. Church in 1846, and has led a pure and consistent life.

Smith. - Mrs. Adaline Perkins Smith, widow of Allen Smith, was born April 19, 1800, and died Nov. 13, 1891, aged 91 years, and 7 months She was converted in 1817, and was one of the original members of the Lancaster M. E. Church. She has been a good and useful woman, beloved by all knew her. She had her faculpages, on superior paper, and is quite a gem | ties clear and bright till the last, and passed away in triumph to the home of the saints. " Our people die well." D. C. B.

Whitcher. - Brother James E. Whitcher, of our church in Stoneham, Mass., fell asleep in Jesus, at his nome in that town, Aug. 26, 1891. Brother Whitcher was born in Benton, N. H., Nov. 29, 1847, where also he was "born again," just before he moved to Stoneham, about twentythree years ago. The young convert at one identified himself with the church, then busy completing the new edifice, in the vestry of which they had been worshiping. He soon imrich number. And why should it not be? pressed the church as being more than an ordinary young man. His plety and ability were recognized in his election as steward in 1872, and trustee in 1882, both of which offices he filled until his decease. For seventeen years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. From all he was called to eternal rest after about seven

er." Delightful poems are provided by Mrs. ried him, conducted the funeral services. The from many friends without and within the church. It seemed as if the whole town mourned their loss, and desired to honor his memory. Brother Whitcher, though not a demonstrative as usual. "Progress and Perfectibility in the Lower Animals," by Prof. E. P. Evans; God's powe: to save and keep. He frequently the Lower Animals," by Prof. E. P. Evans; Type-casting Machines," by P. D. Ross;

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Type-casting Machines, by P. D. Ross; reathe Pure Air," by Rev. J. W. Quimby; was a constant testimony. He leved the Religious Dress," by Prof. Fred K. Stare; church next to his own home. He labored con-Some of the Possibilities of Economic stantly for its prosperity, and is greatly missed furnish the best of teachers including many spe-HERALD as the best means of obtaining infor-Bright and attractive is the Christmas church at Stonehaen suffer loss, but the church of person, room, etc.; comforts not stinted. number of the Wide Awake. "How Christ- above is richer because of his removal. His mas came in the Little Black Tent," by widow and kindred, who are still with us, are

wondrously sustained in this sad bereavement.

Walker. - Departed this life, Friday, Sept. , 1891, Mrs. Oliver Walker, who was born in 1816, in Chelsen, Vt.

She was converted and joined the Methodist society in 1833, during the pastorate of Rev. E. Soott. She married, in 1848, Mr. Oliver Walker, of Williamstown, where they resided poems, descriptive articles, and many nice for s number of years. Sister Walker was truly the affectionate wife, the constant friend, the pleasant associate, the consistent, plous member of the Methodist Church, and the generous neighbor, whose visits were always welcome For twenty years she was the beloved teacher of able writers on history, science, religion, so. a large class of young men, some of whom are ciology, etc. The writers embrace such now occupying positions of honor and trust in names as those of John Clark Ridpath, R. E. public life and the ministry. For years she was an earnest worker in the Ladies' Missionary Society. She was called to pass through many been my helper." Of a large family given her character. Dr. Sheldon Jackson has an in- only one son remains to mourn the loss and "a good wife is from the Lord." But the sev ered ones will soon be reunited, never again : separate. A large number attended the funeral, which was conducted by the pastor of the church and Rev. J. O. Sherburne, her former pastor and presiding elder.

Dunbar, - Sister Hannah Dunbar, of Penobscot, Me., departed this life, Oct. 11, 1891

aged 92 years, 2 months, and 18 days. In early life Sister Dunbar devoted much time to teaching, and was a lady of induence and ability. When qui'e young she gave her heart to the Lord, and became a member of the M. E. Church. Quiet and unobtrusive, she made no vain show of her religion, but manifested the fruits of her plety in acts of love, gentle word and counsels, and almsdeeds which she did Her plety was deep, sincere and abiding. She often spoke of God's dealings with her, in sweet and impressive language, and long lived in daily readiness for the summons, "Child, come home!" In her family she was loving, impress ive, gentle, kind - a very queen enthroned in their hearts. The lessons of her piety remain in

ory.

She continued in remarkable possession of her faculties even to the last, conversing intelligen odore Stanton. Col. R. G. Ingersoll has an ly and ably, ready in counsel and full of wisdom able and thoughtful homily on "The Three to the last. Her Bible was her hand-book which Philanthropists." Admiral S. B. Luce presents "The Benefits of War." Hon. Carroll at her grave, but joy in heaven. Our loss was her gain. May the mantle of the mother fall or the children, that the spirit of prophecy may re main in her family! She has her reward. O. H. FERNALD.

Sileby. - Died in Bucksport, Me., Nov. 3, 1891, Mrs. Mary A. Slieby. She was born in Pe-mobscot, June 28, 1815.

Sister Silsby was twice married. Her first married life was spent on Verona Island. For nearly half a century she knew and loved her saviour. The clear, full testimonies, the earnest consecration of herself, the consistency of each. These two papers are issued by the her life, will not soon be forgotten. Monday

Coombs. - Sister Olive Coombs, of Castine, Me., was born March 14, 1814, and died Oct. 30, 1891, aged 77 years, 7 months, and 16 days. Very early in life Sister Coombs gave her heart to God, and in due time joined the M. E. Church. Her life was one of much toil, and yet she found time for communion with her God, and abounded in good works. A kind neighbor, a judicious counselor, a sincere friend and loving mother, she was admired and beloved by all who knew her. In her declining years she felt the pressure of infirmity, but nover lost her trust in God. She rests in peace.

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#### MOTIVE.

A life without some controlling moforward - vitality, energy, the power | quently joined the Episcopalians. to do and to be - but it lacks the element of direction. It can go on - but whither? Too often, like the undirected envelope, it goes to the dead-letter the question of the Professor's orthodoxy, but office of disappointment, ruined pros- exonerating him simply because the board of pects, and moral and spiritual death. visitors acted illegally in ruling out the trustlife lacks motive, is always in danger, as the common phrase puts it, of Storrs accepting re election to the presidency, "going to the bad." How shall a life chosen. Three hundred delegates were pres woods, expecting to bring down some social questions were boldly handled. bright-plumaged bird. The very first requisite of success, in any department in its various phases at their church congress. of life, is to have something definite to The death of Bishop Padlock, of Massachustrive for. And this something must setts, and the election and consecration of Dr. also be a worthy and sufficient object. Many fail from having inadequate motives; and they fail, not because they do not attain the ends for which they strive, but because these ends, ists; and the attempt of Father Ignatius to when gained, prove utterly incompe- have Rev. R. Heber Newton arraigned for tent to satisfy the soul. For instance, a young man makes up his mind to be- have excited attention within that communcome a recognized authority in so- ion. called athletic matters. He attains his five of its ministers for voting, but they were end, but is dissatisfied; feels that his time has been wasted, that he United Presbyterians. ought to have devoted it to some nobler an inadequate one.

to follow in planning their future lives: First, courts. have something definite to strive for: secondly, let that something be a high and worthy object of pursuit. The higher and better the motive, the nobler and more truly successful, in the end, will the life be.

noble, uplift, and crown with glory spective governments to abolish war and subthe most humble soul which adopts it. stitute for it arbitration for the settlement of last October. The attitude of Chile at the That motive is to be a true, thorough, international difficulties; and the appointlife-long Christian. No ideal can be ment of a Presbyterian minister in Washinghigher than this; no ambition offers ton as a director in a Roman Catholic instiwider possibilities of attainment. It is tution. a motive which acts as the rudder of the soul, not only for time, but for eternity. You cannot possibly go astray, or fail in the things of ultimate importance and value, if your life is hid with Christ in God.

### 1891.

Which event of the year now closing will, to the future historian, seem to overtop all others and to cast the longest shadow, cannot yet be determined. We are too near to what has happened to compare altitudes. From the present standpoint, however, we can discern, in our backward glance, certain pinnacle events, certain unmistakable trends in various lines of activity and which we will recall to the memory of our readers.

### 1891 - THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

No sweeping revival has been chronicled. The churches have been grappling with social problems, trying to see by what means the misery and degradation of the unchurched masses can be alleviated. A growing tolerance of new views in theology and of those who hold them, has been noticeable, and the unification of the larger churches, especially where the causes which led to division n longer exist, has been earnestly advocated.

In our own denomination the most prominent events have been the quarter-centennial anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, held in Cincinnati during the closing week of January; the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wesley, and the unveiling on March 2 of a statue to his memory in front of City Road Chapel, London; the Epworth League Convention, held in St. Louis in the summer, representing 5,577 chapters: the organization of the American among the superannuates as the profits of ment of persons arrested for drunkenness. the Book Concern; the discharge of the Mis-

in the General Conference. Among those who have fallen from the ranks during the past year we note the names of Rev. Drs. R. M. Hatfield, J. M. Trimble, D. P. Kidder, O. H. Tiffany, and George Osborn of England; nearer home, the names of Revs. R. W. Allen, Frederick Upham (who preached 71 years), Philo Hawkes, F. C. Newell, Nelson Goodrich, C. E. Rogers, L. D. Bentley, Henry J. Fox, M. P. Webster and George Suther land. Others, too, have passed on whose names we fail now to recall, but who were

equally worthy of mention.

Our Presbyterian brethren have had the revision question under debate in their presbyteries, the committee's report having been referred to them by the General Assembly. Out of 126 presbyteries which had taken action before the first of December, 20 had decided to ask for a new and simpler creed, preferring to leave the Westminster Confession unmutilated as marking an epoch in doctrine which the church has now left behind. The Briggs case has also provoked a good deal of discussion. The Professor's 413 views in his famous inaugural address especially those on the parity of reason and the church with the Scriptures as sources of divine authority - excited a storm of indig nant protest. His appointment to the Edward Robinson chair of Systematic Theology in Union Seminary was emphatically disapproved by the General Assembly, and the New York Presbytery voted to try him for heresy. The trustees of the Seminary, however, after satisfying their own minds by direct catechism of the Professor's " soundness" in the essentials, decided to stand by him. On the date fixed for his trial before the Presbytery Dr. Briggs presented his views and defended his position with such convinc-THE CONFERENCES. Advertisements - 417 ing power that the charges against him were. by a vote of 94 to 39, dismissed. It is quite 1891 — THE POLITICAL WORLD. probable that at the next meeting of the General Assembly the action in his case will be

Old and New Presbyterianism be averted. The Baptists have had a year of quiet and prosperity, undisturbed by credal discussions. Ground has been broken for their new university at Chicago. They lost from their tive is like a letter dropped into the ranks Rev. C. D'W. Bridgman, who found post without an address. It is equipped himself holding divergent views on the subwith all that is necessary to carry it ject of eternal punishment, and who subse-

rescinded and the threatened rupture between

Among the Congregationalists, the Andover case, which has been pending since June, 1887, has been settled in Prof. E. C. Smyth's favor; the decision, however, not touching The young man or young woman whose ees. A remarkably harmonious session of attain to anything, which does not even ent at the great Congregational Council in know the thing at which it aims? As London in July, over which Dr. Dale prewell shoot an arrow at random into the sided, and at which important doctrinal and

The Episcopalians also discussed Socialism Phillips Brooks as his successor; the suspen sion of Rev. Howard MacQueary, of Canton O., for denying the virgin birth and literal resurrection and ascension of our Lord, and his subsequent affiliation with the Universalheresy, have been the principal events which

promptly received to the fellowship of the

The unfortunate " war of the bishops purpose. He had a motive, but it was continues in the Christian Evangelical Associat on. Bowmanite and Anti-Bowmanite Con-There are two rules, then, which ferences were held, with two sets of appointments and the difficulty was refe

Among incidents of a general religious character should be noted that of the student- authorities declined to give satisfaction; with volunteers to evangelize the world in the pres- China, on account of repeated outrages ent generation, 321 of these earnest mission- against foreigners, Americans included; and aries having already gone to the foreign field; the recent gathering of representative clergymen in New York city to induce the churches There is one motive which will en- of Christian nations to prevail upon their re-

> Several deaths have occurred among Biblical scholars, editors and divines. Some of the more prominent have been the following: Rev. John Peddie (Baptist), C. A. Richardson (managing editor of the Congregational ist), Dean E. H. Plumptre, Bishop Paddock, Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, E. de Pressensé. Edouard Reuss, Professor T. J. Conant, Rev. Dr. H. J. Van Dyke, ex-President Thomas Hill, Dr. F. H. A. Schrivener, Rev. E. D. G. Prime (of the New York Observer). Rev. Dr. J. W. Olmstead (of the Watchman), Dr. Ludwig Windthorst (the leader of the clerical party in the Reichstag), and the Very Rev William C. Magee, Archbishop of York and Primate of England.

#### 1891 - REFORMS, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC.

Merely to catalogue, with a few words of religious, political, social - which will cent activities which have taken shape or An astonishing crop of scandals in connection doubtless make the year memorable, gathered strength during the past year, with public works, smirching the reputation We can touch on but a few. In our own city the sweating evil" has been unsparingly exposed, and an Anti-Tenement-House League organized of men who believe in radical treatment of the evil. A Reform Exchange has been instituted, to unite individual efforts and make them stronger, somewhat on University Settlement idea, which has suctried in this city under the title of the "Andover House," which will be a second Toynbee Hall.

formed in New York, to rescue outcasts who will be experienced farther on. The dead desire to reform, and tide them over their initial difficulties, by methods similar to those of General Booth in England. In Jersey City, Rev. John L. Scudder has founded the People's Palace," and provided it with wholesome amusements, in opposition to the liquor saloons. The most stringent liquor law enacted during the year was that passed University at Washington, with Bishop Hurst by the Maine Legislature. Reforms have as Chancellor; the division of \$120,000 been introduced in this State in the treat-

The classified civil service, in which the prinsionary Society debt; and the Second Ecu- ciples of the reform in this line are dominant, menical Conference, which began its sessions now comprises 34,000 government employees. in the Metropolitan Church. Washington. The Indian Bureau has been, in part, divorced Czar's government. Fortunately for the a reason for going in, the writer of the letter wider range of thought and culture. We handsome topic cards advertised in another October 7, with 500 delegates from all parts from politics, 700 of its clerks having been Jews, a princely benefactor has been found in of the world, and at which almost every theme transferred to the merit service. But the one of their own countrymen - Baron Hirsch to the cause of missions." The Chaplain reof interest to Methodists was ably presented most conspicuous and inexorable application - who gave \$2,500,000 for the purpose of plies: "I am working two good mines now: will be helped on to a better appreciation of who are familiar with the cost of such work. and discussed. The most prominent question of the principle has been in our navy yards, educating and making self-reliant the Jews

slightest regard to party politics. Abroad, factory bills have been enacted

both in France and England, greatly to the benefit of tolling children and women. In tion. The big Trades Union Congress was itated a revolt in the province of Rio Grande neither harmonious nor profitable, the eight- do Sul. Perceiving that he had made a misscandalous connection of the Prince of Wales chiefs, resigned in favor of Vice-President with the famous " baccarat " case called es-Peixotto, who has annulled the distasteful pecial attention to the gambling curse, which acts of his predecessor, and restored, in seems to gain ground rather than lose it measure at least, the peace of the republic. both abroad and at home. Primary educa- In Chile, the Congressionalists have been tion in England was made practically free by the passage of a bill by Parliament appropriating money for the government to pay the fees heretofore exacted of pupils in the

In Germany, Emperor William has made a sturdy fight against intemperance and the social evil. The Socialists held their annual conference at Erfurt, and decided to accomplish their reforms by constitutional methods; they took strong ground on the subject of giving to women equal rights with men before the law. Some noticeable reforms have been undertaken in Mexico: The governor of one of the States has abolished bull-fighting, and the governor of another has forbidden bac carat, roulette, and similar games of chance. In the matter of divorce there is no im provement to report. The evil is on the increase. From 1867 to 1886 divorces in this country increased 157 per cent., while the

population only increased 50 per cent.

Certain beneficial legislation of the last and the Lieutenant and his party were landed Congress, like the International Copyright in McCormick's Bay. Later on Lieut. Ryder and Postal Subsidy bills and the Tariff en- left Copenhagen to explore and map an unactment, has been carried into effect. The Reciprocity provision of the latter has excited east side. wide attention, and probably had the effect to hasten the customs-union entered into abroad by the Triple Alliance. Commercial treaties on the engineers meeting everywhere on the proterms extremely favorable to this country have been arranged with Spain in behalf of Cuba and Porto Rico, with Brazil, with San | which is to be 4,785 miles long and to cost Domingo, with Hawaii, with the British West \$184,000,000. The Hudson River tunnels Indian colonies, and with Germany. Mexico, are progressing. The Secretary of War has Italy and France are also preparing to negotiate with us for trade reductions. The moral effect of these mutual concessions and arrange ments is not without its significance. The volume of alien immigration has increased the St. Clair tunnel. Mails have been carenormously the past year despite rigid enact. ments to restrict and purify it. Internally, there has been no outbreak against established law, if we except the miners' rebellion in Tennessee; and the rebellion there was un- express train, so as to cover long distances at doubtedly provoked by exceptional disabilities imposed upon the miners through the enforcement of the abominable convict contract system. Kentucky has revised her State constitution. The census returns show that onehalf the population in the Northern States is congregated in cities of not less than 8,000 inhabitants; also that the Negroes are not keeping pace in race-increase with the whites. The Indian problem progresses toward a peaceable and permanent solution. In recent elections the Farmers' Alliance has shown signs of collapse, many of the grievances of which they justly complained having been wiped out by the astonishing harvests of the present year and the increased price on account of crop failures abroad. It is estimated that the farmers will receive for their products \$500,000,000 more than they received last year. A steady fight has been kept up against the proposed extension of the Lottery franchise in Louisiana, the result of which is still in doubt.

Our relations with foreign countries have been somewhat disturbed - with England, on the Bering Sea contention, now on the point account of the lynching of the eleven Italians in New Orleans, and the difficulty about federal jurisdiction in a case where the State with Chile, by reason of the "Itata" inci dent, the right of asylum given by our violence shown to members of the "Baltimore's" crew in the streets of Valparaiso present time of writing is so defiant that our government is preparing to enforce its claims. Fortunately our navy has grown to such magnificent strength of late that, though war would be deprecated, its stern arbitrament, i forced, would not be feared.

Europe has kept the peace. The term of the Triple Alliance has been extended. Russia and France have come to a secret understanding. In England the Tory govern ment continues in power, largely by imitating the tactics, or at least anticipating the movements, of its opponents. Mr. Parnell's death has embittered the strife between the Irish factions. Some of the English colonies - notably those in Australia, where a com monwealth is evolving - have had an eventful year. In India the Manipur massacre caused much excitement at the time; but probably the strongest sentiment in that vast empire of 286,000,000 souls is the desire for ome rule. Canada has lost her foremosi statesman in the death of Sir John A. Mac donald, but his rejection of free trade with this country, though adhered to by his successor, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, will ere long, description for each, the uplifting and benefi- it is believed, cause the defeat of Tory rule would fill these editorial columns to the brim. of many prominent government officials, has engrossed public attention in Canada during large part of the year. Returning t Europe, we note the great strike in Belgium for universal suffrage - a just demand in

country where only 133,000 out of 6,000,000 are permitted to exercise that right. In France the attitude of the Catholic bishops the basis of our Associated Charities. The may lead at any moment to the termination of the Concordat and the separation of Church and which is designed to bring men and six-hundredth anniversary of the union of women of education into closer relations with her cantons. Italy has changed her ministry the laboring classes for mutual benefit, is to be - Crispi going out, Rudini succeeding him, and continuing his policy toward the Vatican and foreign States. Russia has been smitten by a famine (followed by plague) in thirteen An Industrial Christian Alliance has been of her provinces, the full calamity of which already are numbered by thousands; the suffering no pen can register. The national finances have been seriously crippled by the necessary remission of the taxes paid by these 25,000,000 starving peasants. But if the sympathies of the world have been evoked by this visitation, the indignation of the world has been provoked by the cruel, rigorous edicts of Hebrew expatriation. These edicts affect about 5,000,000 Jews scattered throughout the empire. Their enforceme

new "bill of rights" which makes religion, the press, and the public schools free, abolout upon this army which has done, and is ishes the death penalty, and provides for one aspiration pervading all these benedictive 1891 - VARIOUS ENTERPRISES. Rapid progress is being made in the work shall be that of aggressive spiritual work. It of preparation for the World's Fair in should greatly cheer and encourage all these Chicago. The different States at home and foreign nations are taking a hearty interest League lies so strongly on the great heart of in the project and are making generous apthe church. With such a noble array of wise Early in the summer, Lieut. Peary started ered in this company, praying and working on a voyage of exploration to northern Greenfor the success of the Lesgue, its future can land. The expedition was hindered by ice, but be assared. As an element, also, in monious and loving organization, who can visited section of the Greenland coast on the

The surveys for the Intercontinental Rail. way have been in progress during the year. posed route a hearty native welcome. Work has been begun on the great Siberian road, pproved the plans of the bridge across the Hudson to connect New York and Jersey City. The movement of freight on the Grand Trunk road has been expedited two hours by ried from Yokohama to Liverpool, crossing both oceans, in twenty-one days. Railroads, notably the New York Central and the Penn sylvania, have increased the speed of their

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the rate of nearly a mile a minute.

On reviewing the disasters of the past year, we find that there were five, which, either by reason of the number who were killed, or the suddenness of the shock which killed them, will be remembered as causing appalling des olation and sorrow. These were the loss of the "Utopia" by collision with the ram of the "Anson" in the harbor of Gibraltar last February, by which over 500 Italian emigrants perished; the Martinique cyclone, by which 300 lives were lost and a vast amount property destroyed; the floods in Spain. which the mortality was reckoned by thousands; the famines in Russia and in Mexico; and the terrible earthquake in Japan, of his mother, Mrs. Adeline F. Goodsell, which either killed or injured 15,000 persons widow of Rev. Buell Goodsell, at her home in and turned flourishing cities into heaps of Brooklyn, N. Y., of paralysis, at the age of

Bank failures in this country, which numbered only two in 1889, this year have inof being settled by arbitration; with Italy, on and Spring Garden Banks in Philadelphia, church in 1888. put city treasurer John Bardele behind the bars for fifteen years, and the shock which was caused by the closing of the painful in our readers' memories to need comment; while the case of Edward M. Field. of New York, still pending, has been only one out of many which has uttered its warnminister, Mr. Egan, to Baimacedists, and the ing to business men to adhere strictly to legitimate methods and refrain from speculation. Closer home in many cases has come the lesson of the "bond investment" swin dles, in which so many working people took

stock and suffered loss and disappointment. There have been but few sensational crime the past year. The principal ones were the poisoning of Mrs. Barnaby at Denver, Col.; the murder of Christie Warden at Hanover. N. H., by Frank C. Almy; and the recent attempt of the dynamiter Norcross to kill Rus

sell Sage. In the necrology of the year, in addition to lowing: Alexander William Kinglake, George Bancroft, Benson J. Lossing, historians Meissonier, the French painter: David Kalakaua, King of the Sandwich Islands, Abdurrahman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, ex Emperor Dom Pedro, of Brazil, and Prince Napoleon Bonaparte; Secretary Windom, Senators Wilson, Hearst and Plumb, and ex Vice President Hamlin; William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, England, Charles Bradlaugh, Charles Stewart Parnell, Earl Granville, the Duke of Devonshire; Field Marshal Von Moltke, Admiral D. D. Porter, General W. T. Sherman, General Joseph E. Johnstone of the Confed eracy; James Russell Lowell, Edward Bulwer Lytton; Phineas T. Barnum, Mme. Blavatsky, President Balmaceda of Chile, and

### A WELCOME TO 1892.

We close the year amid rumors of war. without foundation, that disagreements will age to his chosen work. be harmonized, and the new year be one of peace. If we were permitted to influence the coming year by the utterance of our wish, seeded so well in England and in New York, and State. Switzerland has celebrated the we would bespeak, in brief, for the home, a truer culture and a more careful parental training of children; for the pulpit, a firmer warning against the false standards which ociety and custom have set up, a louder pro est against business methods that corrupt both employers and employees, that violate not merely the Christian law of brotherli ness, but such fundamental principles as the Golden Rule; for the churches, not one whit less of sympathetic activity and material relief for the poor, but an increased sense of individual responsibility, a more intense study of the Bible, less worldliness and more simplicity, and such a waiting upon the Lord as should make the coming year memorable for the revival of vital religion.

### Paying Mines.

has been attended in many instances with Some one out West wrote to Chaplain Mc such merciless severity that Christian nations Cabe recently, and asked him to take stock have felt called upon to send protests to the said: "Much of the profits will be consecrated before the church in our own country has which Secretary Tracy has practically and who come to this country, and who has situated far over in the Valley of Humilia Rev. Dr. J. E. C. Sawyer, of Pittsfield, Mass., League workers and officers in the New Enbeen the eligibility of women to membership heroically re-organized, every appointment furnished the bulk of the \$10,000,000 capital tion. The other is the mine of Consecration.

of the Jewish Colonization Society in London, which has purchased land in the Argentine brook Peniel. I find there are riches enough brook Peniel. Republic and other countries, on which to in these two mines to convert the world. number of sixty, had formed a Dante class, When self-denial to the amount of one meal and that he is to lecture to them fortnightly. its existence this week. Turning to South America, Brazil has had a year and an extra quarter for missions as a England General Booth's rescue scheme has a second, but almost bloodless, revolution. result from each communicant in the church, been eminently successful. A royal labor The growing disagreement between Congress will bring an increase of \$550,000 in the anommission, composed of Lord Hartington and the executive culminated in the dissolv. nual income; and when consecration to the and 24 representative members, has taken ing of the former by President Ponseca, who extent of one cent a day by each communitestimony as to the conflicting claims of labor | called for new elections and assumed the role | cant would bring over ten millions of dollars and capital with a view to their reconcilia- of temporary dictator. This course precip- annually to the missionary treasury, the marvelous riches of these two mines can be somewhat appreciated. This is only on the surhour day being only voted permissively. The take, Fonseca, at the request of the navy face; what would it be if we should get down into the depths?'

### Our New Year's Messages. Our readers will enjoy with us the rich and

varied New Year's Messages to the Epworth Leagues, on the first page. They will readily recognize the glad note of hope and expect ancy which rings out like a bugle through all these utterances, and which enhances their value. Not the least interesting among them will be found, keeping step with those high in authority in the church, the encouraging words of laymen and lay women who have long done earnest service for the Master, and whose hearts swell with emotion as they look preparing to do, valiant work for Christ and the church. It will be noticed that there is words — that the key-note of the Epworthians organizations to feel that the welfare of the and thoughtful men and women as are gathbinding together the two Methodisms on this continent and blending them into one harestimate its possibilities? The "Messages" sent by our Southern brethren will be found not to lack anything of earnestness nor of warm-hearted Christian zeal. Across the ocean, too, come words of wisdom and cheer, and from our northernmost neighbor a ring ing and elequent missive. We hope that not one of all these apt, forceful and faithful words will be overlooked.

### PERSONALS.

- Miss Dunmore, sent out by the Philadelphia Branch, W. F. M. S., started for Mexico, Dec. 26, to enter upon missionary work. - Mrs. Florence Orville Gobin, wife of Dr. H. A. Gobin, Dean of De Pauw School of

- Miss Julia C. Buttz, daughter of President Buttz, of Drew Theological Seminary, was united in marriage with Rev. Charles F. Sitterly, Dec. 22.

- Rev. John W. Kelley, a highly esteemed superannuated member of the Baltimore Conference, died in Winchester, Va., Dec. 11, aged 73 years.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.

of India, has withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church and entered the service of the English Church Missionary Society. - Bishop Goodsell is bereaved in the death

82 years. - Rev. E. A. Stafford, a prominent Methodist minister in Canada, is dead. He was creased to over twenty. The revelations the representative of the Methodist Church which followed the wreck of the Keystone of Canada to the General Conference of our

-Rev. Merritt C. Beale, of 36 Bromfield

St., has shown himself to be very accommo-

dating and helpful in supplying for his min-Maverick Bank in this city, are too fresh and isterial brethren in case of illness or necessary absence from their pulpits. - Rev. Dr. L. N. Wheeler, editor of the Chinese Recorder, has been placed on the com-

mittee for the Chinese Annotated Bible or dered prepared by the Shanghai Conference. in the place of Dr. Nevins, who is in this country. - We are saddened to learn that Rev. J. C.

Floyd, of Singapore, superintendent of our Malaysian Mission, has been prostrated by a stroke of paralysis, due either to overwork or as a result of heat apoplexy. Strong hopes of his recovery, however, are enter tained. - As we go to press we receive the news of

the sudden death, Dec. 28, after a few days illness at his home in Wilbraham, of Samuel the names mentioned above, we record the fol. J. Goodenough. Prof. B. Gill writes: "He was the backbone of our church, and one of the most efficient of the trustees of Wesleyan Academy.

> - The sudden death of Rev. Arthur W. Tirrell recalls the pleasant Sunday spent Sunday with him at an early date in his present pastorate. He was an able, devout and faithful man.

> -Mr. Samuel G. Swearengen, of Illinois, has donated \$10,000 to the work of the Freed men's Aid and Southern Education Society 25,000 of which goes toward Rust University building at Holly Springs, Miss., and \$5,000 toward the new building of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas.

- Rev. Rockwell Clancy returned to India per steamer "City of Chester" from New York, Dec. 23. Much sympathy is felt for him in view of the death of his wife and one child during his stay in this country. He is We trust that these rumors will prove to be of heroic stuff, and goes back in good cour

- John W. Mackay made his usual mag nificent Christmas gift of one-half a month' salary to every employee of the Commercial Cable Company, of which he is president. There are 200 names on the pay roll, and the distribution amounts to \$20,000, which Mr. Mackay pays out of his own pocket. - Ezra Bostwick, of Union City, Mich.

has just bequeathed to the superannuated preachers of Michigan Conference, and to widows and orphans of deceased ministers, property valued at \$15,000, and to needy \$100,000 to the Albion College endowment fund. - Bishop Joseph P. Thompson, of the

African Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Newburg, N. Y., recently. Bishop Thompson was born in slavery, and at sixteen ran away and settled in Williamsburg, Pa. He became a preacher in 1841, and bishop in 1876.

- We are pleased to recognize, on the part have no fear of any consequent diminution column by Messrs. Whipple & Beale are of spiritual life, but believe that their people much admired and wondered at by printers One of them is the mine of Self-denial. It is the spiritual resources at their command. Both members of this firm are enthusiastic

being filled by examination, without the of the Jewish Colonization Society in London, It is entered over on the heavenly side of the in Prof. Charles Eliot Norton's translation of Longfellow's notes on Dante are a library in themselves, and will well repay any one's

- Dr. Elisha Chenery, of Bromfield St. Church, has a particularly able article in The employed as field agent of the West Journal, a weekly medical paper published in Chicago, on "Does Science Justify the Use of Alcohol in Therapeutics?" Dr. Chenery has for many years given careful attention to the use and abuse of alcohol. What he says is eminently worth reading.

- Rev. David Church, a supernumerary member of the Maine Conference, died at his home in Farmington of pneumonia, Dec. 23. The funeral services were conducted at his sued by the Methodist Book Concern. late home in Farmington by Revs. J. B. Lapham, G. W. Barber, and the resident a book of great value, and should be placed pastor, W. F. Berry, Priday, Dec. 25, at 2 in the hands of young people. o'clock P. M. A suitable obituary will soon be published.

- Rev. S. G. Kellogg, of Hudson, N. H., with money so generously contributed at died suddenly, Dec. 21, of heart disease. The funeral occurred on Thursday, Rev. J. 1,500 persons have been baptized, and 2,033 E. Robins officiating. Bro. Kellogg preached on Sunday, the 20th, with unusual fervor on "Our Children, and Our Duty to Them." Many of his parishioners declare that this his last sermon was the best he has preached in this church during a pastorate of nearly four years. He has been continuously a pastor for forty-three years.

-On Thursday evening, Dec. 17, Rev.

A. S. Wicks, pastor of the M. E. Church at
Long Plain, Mass., was united in marriage

other thousand to establish a free dispense. with Miss Grace Lillian Conant, of Cambridge, at Grace Church in the latter place. A large number of friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. N. | words in John's Gospel were read: "But as B. Fisk, of Hudson, assisted by Rev. Jesse many as received Him, to them gave He Wagner, the pastor of the church. Friends were given an opportunity to congratulate attainment of this relation, it is declared is the couple in the ladies' parlor at the close of not of "the flesh, nor of the will of men, but the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wicks were the of God." Surely, the humblest disciple of recipients of many and valuable presents. They are to reside at 38 Norfolk St., Cam. God." bridgeport, until Bro. Wicks finishes his course at the Boston University School of of the Congressional litrary, which is now Theology. - Few are the men in our American Meth-

odism who retain such freshness, virility and hoped, is capable of a reasonable explanahappy adaptation to the age and its needs, as does Rev. David Sherman, D. D., of Easthampton, Mass. His present pastorate has been very prosperous and influential. Among all classes of the people in all denominations in the town he is gratefully appreciated. His pen was never more versatile, strong and comprehensive. He is at home upon a great variety of subjects, and responds with alac-Theology, died at Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 16, of rity to the request to treat almost any topic. His influence with his pen upon the church has been great, for there is hardly a paper of the denomination that is not enriched by his contributions. It is delightful to behold a man to whom added years only bring more of youthful spirit and increased intellectual acumen and strength.

- On a recent Sunday, Rev. E. T. Curnick, pastor of the Webster church, took occasion to call attention to the merits of ZION'S HER-- Rev. R. L. McNabb and wife left for ALD, and to state that through the generosity their mission field at Hinghwa in the Foo- of Hon. C. C. Corbin, he was enabled to make chow Mission, per steamer "China" from a special offer for the year 1892 of 50 cents to Wareham, Allen St. and Fourth St., New each new subscriber among the members, re-- It is reported that Ram Chandra Bose, ducing the price for that year to that extent. Bridgewater, South Yarmouth, Falmouth, He stated that this was a special proposition made to extend the circulation of our Meth- Sandwich. We are glad to add these to the odist paper. Five subscriptions were imme- already generous list. diately taken, and there are more to follow Would it not be possible for laymen in other Rev. W. J. Dawson, of England, says, rechurches, either singly or clubbed together, ferring to the proposed union of English to initiate this generous example and give an Methodism : impetus to the paper among those who have not hitherto appreciated its value in the ten Methodist confederation and organize home? The influence and power of the unity? I am not sure that it will do anychurch is increased to the extent to which a thing that may be called practical religious paper is taken and read by its mem-

- Rev. John McNeill, whose recent visit to this country was so much appreciated, is about to resign his pastorate at Regent's Square, London, intending to devote a year upon the mind is no less potent than object to evangelistic work in connection with lessons in music. To read about music or to Messrs. Moody and Sankey. The Methodist study it is one thing, and to hear Mme. Nor-Times, in commenting upon his resignation, dica sing or Pan Paderewski play, is quite

says: -" We are not surprised to hear that Rev.

John McNeill is about to leave Regent's Square Church. We feel the greatest sym-pathy with the elders and members of that church, who have treated him with special consideration and remarkable generosity from the very beginning. But his appointment was a great mistake. In that church John McNeill was a caged eagle. It did not and could not furnish him with the great popular opportunities which he needed. We always thought it was a mistake that one who had the ear of the public in Scotland in so remarkable a degree should have thrown away that magnificent opportunity. We cannot, however, help regretting that London loses a great evangelical democratic preacher.

- Bishop Vincent's arrival from Europe was made the occasion of giving him a reception and complimentary banquet by the con gregation of Delaware Avenue Church, Buffalo. At the close of the banquet the Bishon spoke to a large audience. After stating that with him and his delightful family at West- he had regained his health by his trip, and boro. We were under promise to spend a with a complimentary word for Dr. Huribut, his companion, and for Buffalo Methodism. he gave a pleasing and graphic account of his journey, and said he found Europe getting more and more tired of kings and emperors. He added: "The people are awaking, thank God! and while they may and will do a great many rash things and many damaging things, the awaking people is the hope of the race.' The Bishop will be welcomed back by a large circle of friends who, if they do not have the opportunity to take him by the hand, will follow him in his ministrations with earnest prayers for his continued health.

### BRIEFLETS.

Correspondence relative to the editorial department of the Herald should be addressed to the editor at this office during his absence and it will receive immediate attention an prompt reply if any is required.

"Daughters of the Itinerancy" is the name of a society of Methodist ministers' girls at Syracuse, N. Y. Bishop Vincent has issued an exquisitely printed Pocket Calendar which bears the im-

Salutation" which precedes it is a model in Methodist churches \$12,000. He recently gave its way, and is in the Bishop's usual breezy and stimulating style. The executive committee of the Epworth League, whose card is given in another column, issue an appeal to the various

Leagues for small contributions to aid in the necessary expenses of the Central Office. As they have no source of revenue, and are laboring hard for the interests of the Leagues, it is hoped there will be a generous response. The New England Leagues are fortunate in Cabe recently, and asked him to take stock — We are pleased to recognize, on the part in a silver mine of astonishing richness. As of our preachers, every effort towards a reason for going in, the writer of the letter wider range of thought and culture. We handsome topic cards advertised in another every day Chinese are beaten and stone.

writes us that in consequence of an interest gland and Lynn District organizations.

The New England Farmer, one of the very and reliable, concludes the seventieth year of

The Methodist Advocate, of Chattanoogs, Tenn., has been purchased by the Western Book Concern, and its publication suspended

The editor, Rev. Dr. T. C. Carter, has been Last week in the Broadway Church, Son. erville, an auxiliary of the W. F. M. 8, of 60 members was formed. Miss Clara Cuth. man was present at the meeting, and \$30 in cash was collected. An encouraging begin

ning of missionary work! "Fact and Piction in Holy Writ," by Rev J. H. M'Carty, D. D., is a volume just is. which we wish to call special attention. It is

Bishop Thoburn states that 90 " Northfield Missions" have been established in India Northfield in 1890. In these new missions children enrolled in the mission schools.

Bishop Malialieu writes from New Orleans Dec. 22: -

" Please accept my sincere thanks for the very kind and urgent word of end which you recently gave the Medical in New Orleans. If the Epworth Leaguers who read Zion's Herald will follow the line of your suggestion, we will have enough to

One lowly Christian was greatly comforted and assured in his private devotions as these power to become the sons of God." And the Christ may become one of "the sons of

The charge of altering the copyright records pending against Mr. A. R. Spofford, the librarian, is a serious matter, and, it is to be tion. It has been claimed that it was in the interest of the American publishers of the Encyclopedia Britannica as against the English. Justice should prevail, whoever may suffer thereby.

Rev. Dr. T. Snowden Thomas writes Dec. 21:-

"The saddle is on the wrong horse. While the injunction is, 'Bear ye one another's burdens,' there are times when it is needful that ' every man shall bear his own burden Your kindly reference to the illness of one of our staff is a case in point; for the sick man is not your numble servant, the editor of the Peninsular Methodist, but his son, J. Miller Thomas, its proprietor, publisher, and asso Bro. H. L. Chipman writes from Sandwich

to call attention to certain omissions in the list of Epworth Leagues given in our special edition for the New England Southern Conference. They are : Edgartown, Nantucket. Bourne, Russell's Mills, Wareham, East Bedford, Central and Grace, Taunton, East East and West Falmouth, Wood's Holl and

Criticising the Ecumenical Conference,

" Will the Conference do anything to hasrespects it has done a good deal to reveal the causes of disunion, and perhaps that is an advantage. If union is to come it must be as

The influence of object lessons in art another. So to see the master-pieces of Turner or Murillo is fully as necessary as the study of art. Principal Bragdon, of Lasell Seminary, progressive as he is, is aware of this fact, and so he is hanging upon the walls of the Seminary beautiful paintings by famous artists. He has just purchased of Mr. George C. Folsom, 36 Bromfield St., two magnificent works of art: "A Lake in the Tyrol," by Julius Rosé, of Munich, a distinguished landscape artist, and "At the Spring," by Rudolf Kpp, a renowned figure painter, of the same great European art centre, from which Mr. Folsom has just returned. Pupils of Lasell will see art as well as study it.

Mrs. W. F. Cook sends the following corection from London, Eng.: -

" In Rev. William McDonald's letter print ed in the HERALD of Nov. 18, one would ed to think that it was Charles Wesley's widow who was present when John Wesley died. According to Elisabeth Ritchie's ac count, which I find in ' Haunts, Homes an Friends 'of Wesley, it was Sarah Wesley, Charles Wesley's daughter, who was pres-ent. Mrs. Wesley called the day before his death. We are all well, enjoying Lundon except the rain and fogs. The timeALD regularly; it is like an old friend. Mr is very busy in the Museum."

Christian Socialism is attracting more and more the attention of thoughtful Christian men and women of the present hour. Rev. R. A. Holland, of St. Louis, recently gave, before the Episcopal clergy of this city, an exposition of the principles of the new Christian Social Union lately established at the University of Oxford. The idea was to organize a branch in Massachusetts and "to bring the Christian Church into closer sympathy with the forces which are now controlling the in dustrial and economic life of the day." The Unitarian Theological School at Meadville, Penn., has received a bequest of \$17,000 to establish a chair of Christian sociology; the Episcopal Theological School at Philadelphia is to have a department covering this subject; and Andover and Union Seminary of New York are giving the matter attention. What is the outlook in our Methodist colleges and rchools? print of London, England. The " Holiday

Rev. Frederic J. Masters, superintendent of our Chinese Mission, San Francisco, Cal., writes in regard to our anti-Chinese legislation: -

"No legislation could be worse or more oppressive than the present. Better keep them out altogether than admit them under such humiliating conditions as exist under the Scott act. The whole attitude of our oppressive toward Chinese immigration is the Scott act. The whole attitude of our government toward Chinese immigration is so disgraceful, that I wonder a single man will accept the Gospel from a white man's lips. Canada and Australia are equalman's lips. Canada and Australia are equal-ly guilty. U. S. judges and lawyers here are of opinion that the Scott act is emendatory of the Restriction Bill, and will therefore expire

with that act next August.
"There is not the wholesale burning and every day Chinese are beaten and stoned on the public streets, no one caring or daring to interfere. The other day a Chinaman was pelted by hoodlums, and he fired upon his oppressors; a crowd pursued him, and he ran amuck, firing right and left. A police-man was killed, and two white men wounded. The Chinaman was goaded to despera-tion, and this was the terrible result. Only

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Committee have not understood our needs; nine responded to the call, and there began or, understanding, have not been able to supthe services which have been regularly held ply them. Mission thirty-four years old two in this school-house till the date of the dedimonths ago, and only two real church build-cation of the new chapel. The Melrose Meth-Listen: At Varna we have had a church a consisting of thirty-one young people from couple of years. Now, there are two hun- the Melrose Methodist and Maplewood Baptist dred persons uncomfortably crowded together | churches, and to the persistent efforts of this on the inside, and fifty others go away, not Band is due the success of the religious enterfinding standing room. At Rustchuk we prise. These young men have conducted a have had a small church since the spring Sunday-school since Jan. 12, 1890, twenty meeting. It is now full, and eighty in the scholars being present the first, and sixty four Sabbath-school. At Loftcha the recitation- the last, Sabbath, Dec. 20. They have secured room will just hold the friends and the girls clergymen for a 3 o clock preaching service of our high school, but the pastor is obliged and have maintained an evening service themto accommodate from thirty to forty outsiders selves. Bro. Albert Leigh has been appointed as well. At Plevna, in a room fourteen feet class leader, and for many months has reguequare, in a wretched rookery over a wine larly conducted this mid-week service. Not cellar, the pastor has packed his audience in, the least important work done by this Band standing, until he had seventy-five persons is the house-to house visitation which has where there ought not to have been twenty. A good old local preacher, whom we recently ling is creeted in memory of the late Charles sont to Rahova, has on his list at least seven Pratt, from whose estate \$2,500 was given for who are earnestly seeking Christ; but he has this purpose. The land, the foundation and not a sign of a place to which to invite them, most of the furnishings of the chapel have to hear the Word preached. How long must been purchased by the Band, assisted by the made in this city by the international community to hear the Word preached. How long must been purchased by the Band, assisted by the mittee of the Young Women's Christian Associations, headquarters, Chicago, is not authorized by we wait? Seventy-five people packed like congregation and several private personal sardines in a box! Room fourteen feet gifts. The whole property, including organ, square, including the pulpit and rostrum. library, furnishings, etc., is free from debt, Only two churches — one full and the other and is valued at about \$3,200.

vesterday a Chinaman came to me with his running over. Various little rooms, insuffer-

### The Conferences.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

sters, recently deceased, came to us with four checks of \$500 each, signed by Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., in payment for insurance Boston District. apon the life of her husband in the Methodist Ministers' Relief Association. She expressed profound and tearful gratitude that her husband had made such provision for herself and On Monday morning last, Rev. D. W. daughter, and that the Association had dealt a fine address on his work. He said the daughter, and that the resolution and death a line address on his work. He said the society had 21 missionaries who visited from desired advice concerning the investment of house to house, doing purely religious work. her money. We told her to put it into three He showed, by taking a certain district at the of the savings banks of this city — the Sufof the savings panes of the care it for the people, but declared that what was here, and not listen to the representations of needed was a manifestation of the church any investment or stock companies of any description. The money was placed in the church is their friend. He said, also, that several banks as suggested, and she may rest more children attended Sunday-school than assured that her husband's provision for his is generally supposed, it being necessary for family will carry out his thoughtful and lovfamily will carry out his thoughtful and lov-ing purpose. There are a large number of Methodist ministers who should hasten to

St. John's, South Boston. - Rev. Dr. Louis student in Boston University. A recent editorial in the New York Sun en-Albert Banks, the pastor, will begin his fitled "A Methodist's Advice," has attracted night, Dec. 31. Dr. Banks will preach every much attention, as have also previous articles | night in January except Saturdays. A male in the same journal treating of the position quartet composed of young ministers from of other denominations in a manner showing the Boston University School of Theology an entire familiarity with the workings and will have charge of the music. The followpolity of each. They are a remarkable coming are the themes and texts of the sermons duct of the daily press. Alluding to a plan vival Calendar," has been handed to every member of the congregation for reference. It its popularity by the addition of sports and games, as recently proposed by an earnest book of Genesis, and Dr. Banks says the will be noticed that all the texts are from the and progressive layman, it says of early general theme of the series is, "The Gospel Methodism: "It attracted the world by in Genesis and the Genesis of the Gospel." suits. Its mission was not to increase the list of themes: "The Background of Human person of Rev. C. E. Eaton. enjoyment of time, but to make sure the un. Life"—"In the beginning, God;" "Divine enjoyment of time, but to make sure the unspeakable transports of an eternity of blessedness. Under that flag Methodism has won all its brilliant victories; and is there not our image; "The Garden of Eden"—"The had left.

Life"—"In the beginning, God; "Divine like for over two weeks with la gripps. It our image; "The Garden of Eden"—"The had left.

The presiding elder's wife has been very sick for over two weeks with la gripps. It elect officers and committees for the ensuing year; had left. reason to doubt whether it could triumph Lord God planted a garden eastward in made any other standard? . . . As doubts Eden; " "Marriage and the Family"—"I notion among the preachers of the district will make him an helpment for him;" "Parthat it is wisdom to units the Versal to the world to come have will make him an helpment for him;" "Parthat it is wisdom to units the Versal that ander any other standard r . . . As doubts with regard to the world to come have will make him an helpment for him; " "Parthat it is wisdom to unite the Vermont and arisen, the desire to make this world of the sense more enjoyable has increased, and re-

strong words and true and worthy to be Dawn of Guilt"—"They knew that they were naked; " "Useless Covering for Sin" - "They sewed fig leaves together and made At a meeting of the Worcester preachers about a year ago, after discussion on the Conscience"—"Adam and his wife hid neous offering of six or seven brethren the God; " "Personal Responsibility" - "She themselves from the presence of the Lord tive preacher in India for a year. The money gave me of the tree and I did eat;" "The Conflict of Life"-"I will put enmity bewas sent in the spring, and the following note tween thee and the woman; " " The Promised to Rev. W. D. Bridge from Rev. D. Os-Triumph" - "It shall bruise thy head;" corne, in acknowledgment, has just been re ceived. Bro. Bridge writes: "One of the brethren who paid \$5 towards the amount brethren who paid \$5 towards the amount was Rev. A. W. Tirrell, of our Conference, dust shalt thou return; "Man's Undying a new vocalion organ. It is a fine instrudiation, 5, eve, 6, a m; Cornish, 20, p m; Nashua, 6, eve, 7; N. Charlestown, 21

Dear Brother: It is with sincere gratitude that I have to acknowledge the receipt, through Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of your kind gift of \$50 (in which, I understand, others have aided) towards the support of a native preacher in India. Situated as we are, with the most promising openings offering on every hand, such a benefaction is indeed most welcome and acceptable. We are just preparing for our district conference and camparing for our district conference and a vagabond shalt thous district conference and a vagabond shalt thous

tre.—A magnificent Christmas Troy, open door. May the faith and consecration of the Christian Church make it "effectual!" present of \$312 was presented by the people to Rev. Dr. William R. Clark, the pastor. Your gift has been allotted to the support of

propriate resolutions in regard to the sudden, lamented death of Rev. A. W. Tirrell, who

have just closed special evangelistic services of three weeks. The church has been greatly helped, and twenty-five were converted. Rev. W. C. Townsend, pastor. On Sunday

With this issue ZION'S HER-ALD sends its last greetings to Bradford. - On New Year's Day the new its family of readers for the year People's M. E. Church will be opened. Sermons will be delivered by Bishop R. S. 1891. Though many new mem- Foster, Dr. J. W. Hamilton, and Dr. S. F. bers will be added to the family Upham - afternoon at 2.30, and evening 7.30. circle, we hope none whose names Trains leave Boston at 12 and 1 o'clock. are now recorded on our list Last return train at 9.10. will drop out. No effort will be

Reading. - Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham preached spared to make the paper a for his son, the pastor, on Sunday last, and

every family. No household Wakefield. - The third quarterly conference should be without it. Let its the finances are provided for excepting \$11. showed an excellent state of affairs, and all present readers commend it to Rev. J. H. Tompson, pastor.

those who take no denominational paper, and thus aid in Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, Rev. J. H. Mans-Melrose, Pratt Memorial Chapel. - On increasing the list of subscrib- field, D. D., assisted by Revs. C. E. Davis and J. W. Fulton, Methodist pastors in Melrose and Maplewood, and Rev. Mr. Swett, pastor of the Middlesex Fells Baptist Church, dedicated the Pratt Memorial Chapel situated in that part of Melrose known as the Swain's Pond District. This church enterprise was begun on Oct. 13, 1889, when four young men from the Methodist Episcopal Church in We mean for churches in our Bulgaria all people to meet them that afternoon at 3 Mission. We just ache, for fear the General o'clock in the Ripley school-house. Fortyodist Mission Band was organized Oct. 27,

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Hudson, and had greatly endeared himself to the entire town. The funeral services were held in the church on Thursday afternoon, the 24th. The presiding elder of Manchester District was in charge. Prayer was offered at the house by Rev. C. W. Taylor. At the church the following took part: Revs. J. W. Bean, I. Taggart, A. C. Coult, C. Byrne, C. W. Rowley, James Noyes, and J. E. Robins who delivered the address. Revs. W. C. Bartlett read a part of the burial service at the grave. Revs. Wm. Woods and Geo. H. Spencer were also present. The choir sang appropriate selections, one being a favorite of Bro. Kellogg, "Eternity." The pulpit was draped, and the chair so long occupied by our departed brother was left without an occupant. His four sons carried him to his grave in the cemetery, and we left him to sleep until the resurrection morning. The widow and family will have the sympathy and prayers of the Conference. The pulpit will be supplied until Conference by the youngest son, Rev. Fred Kellogg, now a North Baldwin, 4;

The church at Claremont will be ready for re-occupancy in about a month. It will be one of the finest churches in the Conference when completed. Everything is moving finely.

And 7; Westbrook, 22, eve, Q. C. Chebcague & Long Isl'r Newfield, 9, Q. C. and 10; 27, Q. C., and 28; Kennebunkport & Cape, Portland, Pice St., 29, 13, and 15; and 16; a re-occupancy in about a month. It will be The preachers' meeting at Enfield, Dec. 22, was an excellent one. The brethren who took part were Bros. Turkington, Tucker, J. W. Bean, C. E. Eaton, and Geo. B. Goodrich. Bro. Turkington was a substitute for the presiding elder, who was absent by reason of his

The Methodists of Canaan are certain that Portland, Chestnut St., Portland, West End, 27, eve; spurning its delights and disdaining its purPreachers will be specially interested in this in N. H. Conference than they have in the The Methodists of Cunada are contained and 20, a m; few, if any, abler preachers are to be found Portland, Congress St.,

New Hampshire Conferences. To this we piously say, Amen! It is time for the fourth quarter. Let no

department of church work be neglected. The new St. James' Church is ready for the plasterers. It will be an ornament to the north part of Manchester that no one will be ashamed of, and all Methodists may feel a ashamed of, and all Methodists may feel a just pride in. Pastor Knox is ready for all parts of the work, whether it be preaching a sermon or painting the tower. We hope before Conference to see it all complete and dedicated to the worship of God. How glad all control is could be freed from debt at Hinsdale, 6, eve, 7, a m; East Lempste; 20, eve, 21, which is conference to see it all complete and dedicated to the worship of God. How glad all Goffstown Centre, 18; West Riadge, 26; Willage, 17; Peterbo', 27, eve, 28, a m; Antrim, 28, eve, 29. "Thorns and Thistles"—"Cursed is the ground for thy sake;" "The Frailty of hand to make this possible?

was Rev. A. W. Tirrell, of our Conterence, who died a week ago; so that, though he is gone, his gift will be working. I am in hopes the Eve; "The Blessedness of Motherhood" brother gave haif, on condition that the representation of the Lord of th be ready and willing to raise another \$100.00 "The Story of Cain and Abel"—"Abel was be sent to continue the services of this native a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the repairs on the church that will give them a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the repairs on the church that will give them a beautiful andience-room when completed. mainder be raised in a few days. Of course Grant'm, 12, eve, 13, pm; Enfield, 26, 27. ground; " " Selfishness Incarnated " — " Am beautiful audience-room when completed. I my brother's keeper?" "Vagabondage of The new pastor, Rev. Daniel Onstott, of the Sin" - "A fugitive and a vagabond shalt North Ohio Conference, has won his way to

N. E. Southern, N. Bed., Mass., Ap'l 6, Foss. New England, Boston, Mass., 6, Hurst. Plattsb'g, N. Y., " 13, Foster, Vermont, Montpeller, Vt., "13, Foss. New Hampshire, Hav'rhill, Mass., "18, Hurst. Augusta, Me., "13, Goodsell. Rockland, Me., "20, Goodsell.

Money Letters from Dec. 21 to 28. J. H. Allen, G. C. Andrews. R. M. Barns, Jane M. Brigham, W. McK. Bray, C. P. Blackmer, H. P. Blake Mrs. R. Y. Baker, B. K. Barnard, G. F. Bradford, Mrs. H. M. Brown, C. W. Birtwell. J. F. Cooper, Miss E. J. Cushing, E. T. Curnick, G. Winthrop. — Rev. E. P. Telford and wife lave just closed special evangelistic services of three weeks. The church has been greative helped, and twenty-five were converted.

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### Marriages.

[Marriage Notices over a month old not inserted.] FITTS — STICKNEY — At the residence of Fred A. Hanaford, Alder Brook Farm, Lancaster, Bec. 22, by Rev. C. H. Hanaford, of Cambridge, Norman V. Fitts, of Worcester, and Annie L. Stickney, of L.

Annie L. Shickney, of L.

HOOD — MARCHANT — At the Bay View parsonage, Gloucester, Dec. 24, by Rev. S. H. Noon,
Asa Hood, jr., and Laura F. Marchant, all of G. WAUGH - PYE - In Stoughton, Dec. 22, by Rev. D. P. Leavitt, Henry E. Waugh, of Whitman, and S. Emma Pye, of S. and S. Emma Fye, of S.

CUMMINGS — HAMILTON — Dec. 23, by the
same, Marshall W. Cummings and Mabel L.

OODWIN — MURRAY — At the M. E. parson-age in Berwick, Mc., Dec. 23, by Rev. F. Grove-nor, Geo. E. Goodwin, of B., and Rosa Murray, II Borne, Berwick.

GILPATRIC — WARREN — In Hollis, Me., Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. E. A. Porter, Fred C. Gilpatrick, of Boston, and Flora M. Warren, of H.

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT MINISTERIAL AS-

PROGRAM.

SERMONS: Monday evening, J. H. McDonald;
Tuesday evening, M. W. Reece,
ESSAYS: 1. Character of the Religious Services
7, Norwich, Sachem St.;
22, Thompsonvill ESSATS: A CHARACTER OF the Religious Services and Deportment of Ministers at the Sessions of our Annual Conference, J. F. Cooper; 2. Legislation Needed at the next General Conference, M. J. 11, New London; Taibot; 3. Paragraph 242 of the Discipline Regarding Questionable Amusements: Can it be Enorced, or should it be Repealed? W. F. Davis; 4. The Rights of Pastors and Churches as to Appointments in the Methodist Episcopal Church, E. D. Hall; 5. Review of King's "Future Retribution," F. P. Parkin; 6. The Epworth League in Reality, L. G. Horton

J. OLDHAM, D. P. LEAVITT, C. N. HINCKLEY,

NOTICE. - There will be services every morning, during the week of prayer, at the Young Women's Christian Association, 68 Warrenton St., at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended

BOSTON PREACHERS' MEETING. - Rev. J. M. Leonard will deliver an address on "City Evangelization from a Methodist Standpoint," at the Preachers' Meeting, next Monday morning. A. M. Osgood, Sec'y.

CAUTION. - The Boston Young Women's Chris tian Association wish to announce to their friends and patrons, that the appeal for aid now being made in this city by the INTERNATIONAL COMitions' headquarters, Chicago, is not authorized by them, and money given through this channel does not benefit the Boston Association.

PAULINE A. DURANT, Pres't. ARABELLA HOWE, Sec'y.

Manchester District.

Rev. Silas G. Kellogg is not, for God has taken him. He dropped dead on Monday, Dec. 21, while gathering evergreen for the Christmas decorations in his church at Hud son. It was a terrible blow to his family, his church, and the community. For nearly four years he had labored among the people of Hudson, and had greatly endeared himself. EPWORTH LEAGUE. - No salary is paid to Now will free the League from debt. ROBERT R. DOHERTY, for Executive Committee. QUARTERLY MEETINGS. PORTLAND DISTRICT - FOURTH QUARTER.

Q. C., and 27, a m; 28, eve, Q. C.; Old Orchard, 30, eve, Q. C. JAN. Maryland Ridge and Alfred, 2, eve, Q. C.,

Sanf'd, 3, p m, eve. Q.C.; York, 22, eve. Q. C.; Hoills Centre, 5, Q. C.; Kittery, 2d Ch., 23, eve. Q. C., and 10, a m; South Elliot, 24, p m; eve. Q. C.; Elliot, 24, eve. and 25, eve. Q. C.;

Portland, Congress St., Saco, 15, eve, Q. C.; So. Portland, 2, eve, Q. C.; So. Standish, 18;

13, eve, Q. C., and 14; eve, Q. C. MARCH.

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were an the memoers sincerely to say," we will serve where the considerate judgment of pastor and church deem best," the conferences would be and church deem best," the conferences would be relieved of much embarrassmert.

See Discipline, ¶ 91, Section 4, and ¶ 195, and let the pastors previously attend to examinations required by ¶ 53 of appendix. See also ¶ 58.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT - FOURTH QUARTER. [Concluded.]

Antrim, 28, eve, 29.

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Amesbury, 26, eve; Kingston, 30, eve, and and 10, a m; Law'ce, St. Paul's, 12, 14;

NORWICH DISTRICT - FOURTH QUARTER. 6, p m, S. Glastonbury; 19, Burnside; JAN

eve, E. Glastonbury; South Manchester; 18, Norwich, Central;

1, Rockville & Vernen; 17, Old Mystic; 18, Mystic and Noank; , Oneco: 5. E. Th 21, eve, Millville; 6 and 7, Gale's Ferry; dale; wold:

9, Windsorville; 13 and 14, Uncasville: 25, Attawaugan; 15 and 16, Preachers' Meet'g, Danielsonville; MARCH. 14, Danielsonville: 15, South Coventry,

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Wallace, and his archmology of the simes is perfect. He walks the streets of old Alexandria, and attends its University, and visits its khans and wharves, and mingles with its heterogeneous peoples, as much at home as if he had been born and bred in the Egyptian metropolis. His style is also delightful: simple and natural, but elegant, possessing that ease and confidence and nameless charm that comes from thorough culture. He is also in thorough sympathy with his subject. At the time of which he writes Jesus was drawing toward the close of His ministry and closed it; and all that is said about Him is from extracts from letters from Jews in Palestine to kinsmen in Alexandria, and from the reports of chance visitors to Palestine who have returned to Alexandria; and these are but a small part of the book, and are sown broadcast through it in the most natural way; but they gradually develop into a conception and presentation of Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ of God that are sublime. The scene of this book lies in Alexandria, and Canaan St., 2, p m, 3, a m; hardly ever departs from the city; and yet there is plenty of life and movement. The scene in the University hippodrome riva's the famous charlot race at Antioch in "Ben Hur." There are two mysterious persons in the book whose acquaintance we make in the first chapter, and who come READ the last column on the third page ing charm, but we may not say who they are. The Every Week for announcements of the latest book is a thoroughly delightful and instructive

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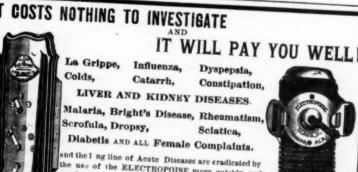
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ed setting before us in India an

D. OSBORNE.

running over.

face cut horribly from a stone thrown by a hoodium. If a horse is abused or a calf tortner, the oppressor is arrested and fined without mercy. The other day the newspapers went frantic over the cruelty inflicted upon a performing bear, his master making him stand on his hind legs so long. The Humane Society got after him, and the man was flung animal that is tortured and abused with immunity." How long must we wait?

(See also page 7.)

Boston, Preachers' Meeting. - The series of addresses being delivered before the preachers are exceedingly helpful and encouraging.

avail themselves of the benefits and advandress was practical and business-like.

sense more enjoyable has increased, and re-ligious faith and conviction have given place to a spirit of mere philanthropy." These be

Westboro. - The official board passed ap-

Your gift has been allotted to the support of a native preacher in Labore, the capital city of the Punjaub, in whose vicinity several gracious openings have occurred. The name of the recipient is Asi. He is a hard working, zealous worker, whose labors God has already owned in the salvation of not a few. I will be glad to hear from you, and to answer any inquiries. Asking earnestly for your prayers, and bespeaking your continued interest and support, I am,
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D. OSHORNE. was a former pastor much beloved and highly honored. Lynn District.

valuable and welcome visitor in will preach on New Year's eve.

W. Kennebunk, 26, eve, Kennebunk, 27, p m, and

and 3, a m;
Oganquit, 16 and 17;
Sanf'd, 3, p m, eve. Q.C.; York, 22, eve. Q.C.;

and 12, eve, Q. C.; eve, Q. C.; And 12, eve, Q. C.; Kitt'y, 1st Ch., 26, Q. C.; Portland, Island Ch., 30, eve, Q. C., and 31.

So. Standish, 18; Gorham, School St., 19, Q. C.; Gorham, North St., 20, eve, Q. C., and 21, a m; Westbrook, 22, eve, Q. C.; Chebague & Long Isl'nd, 0; Hiram, 8, eve, Q. C.; Kezar Falls, 6, Q. C.,

Berwick, 4, eve, Q. C., and 6, eve;
South Berwick, 5, eve, Q. C., and 6, a m;

MARCH.
South Portland, 20, eve;
Woodf'rds, 21, eve, Q. C.;
West Scarboro', 23, eve,
Q. C. wife's sickness, and the substitute was better Cape Elizabeth, 13, p m, Woodfords, 27, p m;

Chestnut St., 28, eve,

Cheap: For Sale, 50 vols. Methodist Quarterly

W. Hampstead, 23, eve,

Law'ee, St. Paul's, 17, 14;

Epping, 16, eve, 17, a m; S with Dauville, 31, a m;

Raymond, 17, eve, 18, eve; E. Kingston, 31, eve.

[The full list next week.] G. W. NORRIS, P. E.

21, E. Woodstock; 23 and 24, Moosup; 26, Hockanum; 27, Quarryviil. 30 and 31, Norwich Town; 31, eve, Norwich, North

22, Pascoag; 23, Mapleville & Glen-24, Norwich, E. Main 27 and 28, Willimantic.

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### WHITE AND RED.

(The following are selections, arranged for Sunday read-Sunday, January 3.

What wilt thou do with the year That is dawning so fresh and clear -Dawning in whiteness, Dawning in brightness— What wilt thou do with the year?

The world cries: " Give it to me! I will deck it with flowers for thee, I will fill it with mirth and glee; And if that will not suffice, I will give thee a higher price, I will crown it with golden days Of wealth, and honor, and praise And fill it with incense sweet,
Ascending around thy feet!" Ascending around thy feet!"
And the end? "Oh! far away Is that strange and misty day.

What wilt thou do with the year That is dawning so fresh and clear — Dawning in whiteness, Dawning in brightness — What wilt thou do with the year

The world says: "Give it to me! I demand it all of thee; Think not from my claim to flee, For none can elude my grasp, Or loosen my steady clasp; Thou must go with me all the way, And my every word obey." And the end? "Oh! that is naught! Thou need'st not give it a thought

What wilt thou do with the year? Comes in thy gladness — What wilt thou do with the year?

The Lord speaks: "Give it to Me! With My life I ransomed thee, And I come to set thee free. My service is constant peace, And blessing with sure increase Joy-springs that never run dry, And work that will satisfy!" And the end? And the end? "A glorious day And a crown of life for aye!"

- Sarah Geraldina Stock

### Sunday, January 10.

Each day, each week, each month, each year, is a new chance given to us by God. A new chance, a new leaf, a new life - this the golden, the unspeakable gift which each new day offers to you. - Canon Farrar

There's no such thing as shutting people up. Everybody's little yard-room opens into all out-doors. — Mrs. Whitney.

All have a crook in the lot, a skeleton at the feast; all have a conflict to maintain with contending duties, and perplexing difficulties, and intricate positions — with cares, strifes, and sorrows. It is the Christian only, who going forth at his own charges, can engage in the life-battle successfully life-battle successfully. He struggles against despondency. He conquers difficul-ties, he rises above sorrows and disappointments, that his Father may be glorified in him to the library. Money must be raised. One the utmost, and that by so doing he may work proposed a "Blue Jay" sociable which she Thou wilt not hear me!" Still God answered a work of faith and patience. - Thoughts for

"The silver and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts." Yes, every coin we have is literally our "Lord's money." Simple belief of this fact is the stepping-stone to full consecution of what He has given us whether secration of what He has given us, whether much or little. When we have asked Him to take, and continually trust Him to keep ou money, "shopping" becomes a different ent Clearnead suggested that as it was near thing. We look up to our Lord for guidance Christmas, the friends of the Sunday-school shade on to lay out His money prudently and rightly and as He would have us lay it out. The gif or garment is selected consciously under His eye, and with conscious reference to Him as our own dear Master, for whose sake we shall and whose own silver and gold we shall pay for it, and then it is all right. — Frances Ridley Havergal.

### Sunday, January 17.

The day is long, and the day is hard, We are tired of the march and keeping guard; Tired of the sense of a fight to be won, Of days to live through, and of work to be done; Tired of ourselves and of being alone

And all the while, did we only see We walk in the Lord's own company; We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arm, He turns the arrows which else might harm, And out of the storm He brings a calm.

The work which we count so hard to do, He makes it easy, for He works too; The days that are long to live are His, A bit of His bright eternities And close to our need His helping is.

- Susan Coolidge.

It is a glorious thing to be young, especial ly to be a young Christian; I say further it is a most responsible thing to be a young Christian to-day. To whom much is of them much shall be required. makes responsibility; you are responsible no merely for what you are trying to do, but for what God has given you power to do. wake up the slumbering possibilities of your soul — you are responsible for all these. Stir you are responsible for these.

you can do, or can learn to do, are the things Christ is calling you to do. It is said that Oliver Cromwell, while visiting one of the great churches in England, di-covered a number of silver statues in the niches of a side chapel and demanded sternly of the trembling dean, "What are these?"
"Please, your Highness," was the reply, "they are the twelve apostles." "The twelve apostles, are they? Well, take them down, and coin them into money, that, like their Master, they may go about doing good."

I see many rich gifts and powers adorning your lives — gifts of speech, of song, of love, of influence, of capacity for work. They are f influence, of capacity for work.

of influence, of capacity for work. They are very beautiful there, in your soul, but Christ wants them at work, doing good. This is my first counsel to Christian young ng every grace and gift of your people: Bring every grace. Not only use well life into Christ's service. Not only use well the gifts you have employed already, but de velop what you have into greater skill and power. Strive to excel. Grow by working. An artist, when asked, "What is your best picture?" answered, "My next." Never picture?" answered, "My next. how look back for your best work for Christ, but forward; make to-morrow your best day. -Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.

Sunday, January 24. We know nothing of life—of God's life or of our own; and we have no real life but His—except by living it. The foundations of heaven are laid in human character. The precious stones upon which the Holy City is built are the lives which, according to their own distinctive nature, receive and transmit the light of the Divine Life, each with a different lustre. The glery of God and of the Lamb, of the Father and the Son, is that city's perfect illumination. The celestial glory is the glory of love and truth and holiness! Without these there were no heavenly in the superintend in a cheer in which every other pair of hands joined.

life, and therefore no heaven. - LUCY LAR-COM, in "As It Is In Heaven.

Some hear even now the surging of the dark, myste- in public sentiment in that church as to the Which shall bear them to the haven where their method of supporting the Gospel in every despirits long to be; Even those who are abiding in the secret of Thy want renewing by Thy Spirit, in their service hour

by hour;
So before we journey onward, wilt Thou bless us each indeed, And bestow on us the pardon and the help we so much need?

### Sunday, January 31.

I believe that every man has his own tempter or temptress. Every man on his journey through life meets with some one who deliberately tries to ruin him. Have you met your tempter yet? Perhaps he is sitting by your side at this moment. Perhaps it is ome one in whose society you delight to be and of whose acquaintance you are proud the day may come when you will curse the hour in which you ever saw that face. Some of us, looking back, can remember well who our tempter was; and we tremble yet, sometimes, as we remember how nearly we

were over the precipice.

One of the chief powers of temptation is the power of surprise. It comes when you are not looking for it; it comes from the person and from the quarter you least suspect. The day dawns which is to be the decisive one in our life; but it looks like any other day. No bell rings in the sky to give warning that the hour of destiny has come. But the good angel that watches over us is waiting and trembling. The flery moment arrives; do we the leaves larger, and the birds brooded their stand? do we fall? Oh, if we fall, that good young, then the heart of the acorn swelled, angel goes flying away to heaven, crying, Fallen, fallen, fallen! - Rev. James Stalker,

> Tossed on temptation's sea, Lord, hear my cry! All seems so dark around, High roll the billows, Fierce is the fight; Lord. Thou hast left me

' Hush, thou of little faith, Cry not so wild, Know that I slumber not, Thou art My child; And when the trouble comes, Bend to My will: I bid the wildest storm.

SECURING A SUNDAY-SCHOOL

LIBRARY. REV. C. H. SMITH.

SLOWTOWN had had a long experience in the leaflet store the leaflet supporting the church by suppers, concerts, sales, bazars, etc. It was hard work, with little moral, social, or spiritual development—often the opposite. A few members of the church took a dollar's worth of surof the church took a dollar's worth of supplies to the supper or fair, hoping to get a and large as my mother." dollar in cash from an "outsider." Strange they never thought of saving all the labor by paying the church two dollars in money, inpaying the church two dollars in money, in- strong!"

haps a dollar in cash for what they ate at the sociable! had heard of, but no one knew how to get it not, and the cold increased. up. A "Weight Sociable" was suggested, but the fat women objected. A "Hayseed

Jesus. "shopping" becomes a different ent Clearhead suggested that as it was near er for joy. But I want to be like her. I might make it a Christmas present of a li-

The superintendent explained: "Christmas is the time of the year when all people make presents. The Bible teaches of free-will offerings. Have we gotten so far away from Scripture standards that we cannot do something for the Master's cause in the way of a direct gift? If we cannot do it at any other whisper all day and all night of these wontime, we ought to be able to do it on the anniversary of Christ's great gift to the world. I believe it is the wisest way, and that it pays best. There are two hundred families who are at least friendly to our church. Two hundred circular letters, with envelopes, will cost not over three dollars. I will pay that fund. The secretary will address the envelopes, and a committee of scholars will deliver the letters without expense. A statement

'KIND FRIEND: We are sure you are interested in our Sunday-school because of your own children, or your neighbor's, or both. library is very much needed, that the children long winter evenings. We have no funds for the purpose. The Sunday-school board has decided to ask all our friends to make the soul — you are responsible for all these. Stir up the unused, inactive gifts that are in you ry. We believe that you, with all others inrested in our youth, will cheerfully respond. Please place your offering in an envelope, with your name if you wish, seal it, and bring or send to the church on or before the evening of the 24th inst. We are to have a pleasant service at the church Christmas Eve, to which you are invited. After other exercises, the envelopes will be opened, and the amount of the Christmas library fund will be announce In the name of Him who gave Himself for all,

about like this, sent out ten days before

Christmas, will, I think, be sufficient:-

By order of the S. S. Board, PAUL CLEARHEAD, Supt.,

'MARY STEADYHAND, Sec'y.' " After some delay, the plan was adopted as the only method, if not a very promising one, for the time. It was a new line of effort in Slowtown. Many were doubtful, even scornful; a few kept hopeful.

of enthusiasm swept over the audience when chief. the treasurer announced one hundred and twenty-one envelopes received. The interest increased with the opening of every one, revealing dimes, quarters, halves, dollars, and a few two-dollar bills - no very large sums, for most of the people of this society were poor. The last envelope was opened, and the treasurer made the footings, while the au-

for growth in goodness and helpfulness, and think they attain but slowly. For them and others like them I tell a thought, a happy waking dream that came when I opened my eyes in the gray light of the winter morning. An acorn lay on the ground, and the germ of life within it rejoiced in the life all around, and it often communed with itself and God. "Dear Lord," it said, "how blithely the birds sing! How the little leaves dance on the trees! How warm the sunshine that falls on my brown face! How refreshing the rain-

GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT DENIALS.

toward Him. I know a man who is religious

in business, praying always that he may be

kept from temptation and delivered from evil.

I know a woman whose joy is in lifting chil-

dren up to see the face of Jesus. They long

KNOW a girl who has just found out that

her life is of God, and that she may grow

partment of church work.

forth! And oh, how good it is that I have nothing to do but to lie here and enjoy it all!" But when the days lengthened and the life of summer time grew deeper and stronger, the leaves larger, and the birds brooded their and the germ of life within it communed again with God.

drops! How busily the ants go back and

"Dear Lord," it said, "why must I do nothing but stay here? Let me grow! Let me be a big tree like my mother, who spreads out her leafy arms over me! ' But God said not a word. In a few days the acorn prayed again, and said : .

"O Lord, my heart will break! Let me Still there was no reply, and the acorn lost all joy in the sunshine and rain, the chirp of

the insects, and the activity of all living things. In good time a great rain fell and softened the earth. After it the sun shone hot, and the cattle feeding in the pasture came and stood in the shade of the mother oak. One of them trod upon the acorn and it sank into the The gnats bit the cow and she stamped her foot and pressed the acorn deeper down into the earth and covered it with broken The acorn said, "I die. All other

germ broke through the darkness, and a leaflet stood where the acorn had lain. And the leastet communed with God as the acorn

things live, and my small life is gone. God

stead of giving a dollar in provisions and per-God answered not. The frost came and

killed the leaves on the young plant, the snow hid it out of sight, its rootlets grew stiff in the frozen earth. It thought it was dying Under the leadership of Superintendent and cried again, "O God, give me back my Clearhead, the Sunday-school was improving life, and let me grow!" Then the snows in every way. More books were needed in grew deeper and the earth colder. Storm after storm heaped drifts above the tiny Still God answered

Yet in its own time spring came; the sap rose in the little oak and pushed out leaf-buds; the rain fed it, the sunshine warmed it, and Dear Lord," it said, "I am alive, and my

When the wind blows my mother lected. Believing the time opportune, Superintend- reaches down, and we clasp our hands togethshade on hot days. Make me grow faster! But another winter came; then again the spring and summer. So the years passed and the young oak was strong and beautiful and it rejoiced, and all the streams of life flowing through its many roots and branches

coldest winter there is life stirring in my 9:10; Isa. 55:6, 7; Heb. 3:15, 16. roots. How dear are life and growth! ders. But I bend in the raging storm. I fear destruction. Make me stronger than the

wind! Make me firm like my mother! God replied not, and for many winters the young oak swayed in the blast. Yet now it tiniest rootlet in the bowels of the earth to the topmost twig fluttering on high, its lesson of trust and patience learned; for every much as my Christmas present to the library prayer has been heard, and answered in God's

### A CHAT WITH GIRLS.

TT is just because of the things I missed knowing you, dear girls. Some of you have busy, weary retrospect was not satisfactory with most of idly by or drift with the current. Evil follows and when I tried not to show mad he called mothers who have never learned the blessedness of living with you instead of for you; some of you poses, unadvised words, and mortifying in
To avert its consequences requires effort on afraid I'll be 'you' for a good while. But a have good books to read during these have none, and to you all my heart goes out in warm est affection and sympathy.

Not for what you are now, for I may not know that, but for what you may be, for the possibilities you hold in your hands.

I hope you will understand why I have chosen speak to you first of your personal appearance. I know "the spirit is more than raiment," and yet as in a difficult and intricate problem the first be rubbed out. It becomes a part of our per- his strength was failing. A friend seeing his self-evident facts are used as the foundation, so must sonal history for endless ages. How this probable peril had hastened to the precipice haps the answer would be, "Not yet, I'm summit by another route, and at the opporsign." I would not have you over-nice or fastidious, selves! Life's obligations take on a new and tune moment lowered a rope. Thus provision but I would wish you to be dainty. Why? Because it is elevating, refining and ennobling; because will cultivate your ideas to a liking of beautiful things - that we may have in this life if we will. Because, too, of the benefits others will receive, even if unconsciously, from seeing often before them a bright, tidy, dainty little woman, who is desirous of

making the best of what she has. Scrupulously perform each duty of the toilet nec essary to make you absolutely cleanly; you will don. soon grow to enjoy the incomparable comfort of 2. "Take the cup of salvation" with a thankful knowing you are clean throughout from dainty ears heart. Rejoice in the atoning blood of the sinless Christmas Eve came at last. Quite a wave to feet, and from undergarments to pocket handker

> Be nest, too, about your own private room. Take pride in knowing that closets and bureau drawers will at any time bear close inspection.

In buying new clothing make a strong effort to get the best, even if you have to darn and mend the God by wholesale and then take ourselves back by Spirit. Oh, that we may do our part in this direcold a little longer to wait for more money. You retail." Let us guard against this fatal error! will find it the best economy in the end. A strong point, too, is to select pretty, becoming colors. So much depends on a girl's taste in dress, that it is really worth while to attach a little importance to it. No beginning, continuing and ending life well, are sufone denies that personal beauty appeals very strongly to most natures, and it is only natural and right that girls should desire to look as well as may be. God made the world beautiful; let us follow His footsteps by showing a proper amount of interest, untinged with vanity, in our personal appearance. If the dress is but calico, it may be durable, and of fast and becoming color. Then if daintily and becomingly made, the effect is all that could be desired. The same degree of care is necessary in working with better and

In due time there was a Sunday-school richer materials. Be sure to have them becoming and library in Slowtown, and what, perhaps, was still better, it was the beginning of a change Work.

### THE PAST YEAR.

The year is past and over. Gone are its golden days
In the which to serve the dear Lord of love,
And to lay up treasure for realms above,
Winning the Master's praise.

The year is past and over, Say, hast thou spent it well?
Hast thou lived each hour with a purpose true,
Hast thou done each task thou wert called to do?

The year is past and over, Save but a breath for prayer: For the tasks undone, for the evil wrought, O thou God of grace is forgiveness sought -Farewell, farewell old year! - ROBERT M. OFFORD, in N. Y. Observer

### ABOUT WOMEN.

-The consulting entomologist of the Royal British Agricultural Society is a woman, Miss

-For more than a year Annie D. Barr has been successfully running the engine of a large steamlaundry in Chicago. She has been regularly examined, and holds an engineer's license.

- Lady Henry Somerset has given the exclusive sale of her picture to the Massachusetts W. C. T. U., for the benefit of the new headquarters. She sent to England for a negative, which was taken from a faithful portrait.

- A California woman, Miss Alice Rideout, has been awarded the task of executing the sculpture to adorn the Woman's Building at the World's Fair. She has designed three figures for this purpose, representing "Woman's Virtues," "Woman as the Spirit of Civilization," and "Woman's Place in

- Of the twenty-five patents taken out by Mrs. Martinot, the inventor, five have been patented in previous steps are necessary to the exercise of that seven countries. She is very dexterous with her faith which secures the all-important enduement. among other things, a gas-stove, an ice cream freezer, a steam washing machine, and a clothes-dryer. This Tarry! It requires time. We get in haste and fail. contradicts a frequent statement that women do not The early church tarried ten days. With the inpossess inventive genius.

United States Army. She did the work in a little Successful service for the Master and thousands won brick house still standing on Arch Street, Philadel phia, and now there is talk of buying it, and moving And so it lay there in despair. But the it, as well as William Penn's house, to Chicago for the World's Fair.

### A Touching Incident.

O'NCE a little boy came to a city missionary, and printed paper, said, "Please, sir, father sent me to tirely exhausted. However, about a mile get a clean paper like that."

hymn of which the first stanza is as follows : -

"Just as I am, with ut one plea. But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come!"

The missionary looked down with interest into the after she died; and she used to sing it all the time thirst. It bursts forth from beneath the said, "But, do you know, I don't know you wanted me to get a clean one to put in a frame to

hang it up. Won't you give us a clean one, sir?" The little page, with a single hymn on it, had been cast upon the air, like a fallen leaf, by Christian Notice, hands, humbly hoping to do some possible good. In some little mission school, probably, this poor large company does this include! Different grades, life is larger, and I am growing again. The little girl had thoughtlessly received it, afterwards to it is true, but all need the healing virtues of this grass is below me. I have arms that I can find in it, we hope, the gospel of her salvation. - Se- fountain: (a) There is the moral sinner, who feels

### FOR JANUARY.

REV. MATTHIAS S. KAUPMAN, A. M

willing to consecrate his service this day unto universe to help such as these. the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5. Psa. 116:12, 2. For what time the invitation is given. me, the frosts cannot harm me. Even in the 13, 14; Psa. 119: 9; Eccles. 12:1; Prov. (a) Now is God's time. Realizing the danger of

We are standing on the threshold, we are in the opened door. We are treading on a border-land we have never

trod before. In Germany there prevails a very beauti-

ments between friends in the by-gone year, Now drink and live - live forever. Now come! mutual visits are made and cordial greetings interchanged, while the unpleasant past is all forgiven and forgotten. Such reconcilia- on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31. tions are admirable, but the most essential of John 14:1; Mark 10:21; Acts 8:36, 37; Mark all is reconciliation with God. The heart that 16:16; Rom. 10:9, 10; Gal. 2:16; Gal. 3:24; to pretend they were wrestling; but the preis at one with Him will be at peace with itself Rom. 5:1, 2; 1 Peter 2:7; John 3:17, 18. and in love with its neighbors. At the close in my girlhood, that I want to have a chat with of the old year we looked backward, and the thing should be done. It is no time to lie us. Too many misspent hours, broken pur- closely on the footsteps of every individual. consistencies mar the record. But the future the part of each. Lured on by the pleasure bargain's a bargain." lies before us as a clean page. Not a blot or of exercise and the purpose of scaling the a blur disfigures its pure surface. What record heights, a traveler in the Alps suddenly found flash. shall we make upon it from day to day? Ah! himself brought to a halt. To reach the top how this thought startles us! Write we must. by that route was impossible; to retrace his were a boy with good, strong fists, that knew were a boy with good, strong fists, that knew There is no alternative. And the writing, good or ill, must remain forever. It cannot of footing might give way any instant, and didn't know how to cool off. More than one Sunday his teacher said to him, so low that deeper meaning, and its possible outcome was made for his rescue. The rope might rises into inconceivable importance. How to break; his friend's arm might fail; but it know it would be so hard, or I'm not sure I'd begin a new year is worthy of thought, but was his only salvation. To accept, was the made the bargain. how to begin a new life is of supreme concern. promise of life. To reject, was inevitable member that the free spirit may rivet upon itself be done? Simply believe and follow direc-

Christ, and allow that blood to avail for you.

3. Resolve to make the most of your life in all worthy directions. Let your surrender be complete, unconditional, irreversible. One of my former instructors, now a bishop of our church, once forcibly affirmed in college chapel: "We give ourselves to

4. Begin by taking special heed to your ways ac-

Jan. 10 - "Tarry Until "- " Until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24: 49. Mal. 3: 10; Joel 2: 28, 29, 32; Acts 2:1-4, 16; John 15: 8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Thess. 5: 19; Acts 2: 38.

eyes in the morning, he observed a spider who are letting it pass unheeded! Warn the unsaved climbing a beam. Twelve times in succession and point them to the perfect Saviour. it fell to the ground, but the thirteenth time it succeeded in reaching the top of the beam. The spider taught him the secret of success. The year is past and over,

What has it done for thee?

Has thou grown in love and each Christian grace,
Hast thou grown more meet for the heavenly place,
What may the record be?

The spider taught him the secret of success.

He arose, declaring he would follow its ex
ample. "Twelve times I have been beaten;
the thirteenth I may succeed." Once more the thirteenth I may succeed." Once more the thirteenth I may succeed. Once had by to whom Jesus said, "Except a man be born he rallied his soldiers, met Edward in deadly to whom Jesus said, "Except a man be born conflict, wrested the palm of victory from the again, he cannot see the kingdom of God: hand of defeat, and was crowned king. All The stupendous fact of the necessity for a new along the annals of time men have won realong the annals of time men have won't nown and thrilled succeeding generations If you refuse to accept this great fact, you set nown and thrilled succeeding generation. While, yourself up against divine authority. By this on the other hand, if the "might have been" very act and attitude you prove your rebellion on the other hand, if the might have been results could be brought to view, what an arresults could be brought to view, what an array of failures could be traced to giving up be changed before it can come into harmony ray of failures could be traced to giving up before the goal was reached. It is one thing with God. Not only is it a necessity for the to begin well, another to continue in the vilest of human beings, but also for the mon well-begun way, and still another to persist refined. If you ask the reasons for this until crowned with success. Multitudes of necessity, we answer, well-meaning people belong to the first class, 1. Because of the wickelness of the natural heart. a fair number to the second, but comparatively only a few have patience to hold on all hearts that have not been changed by divine grace. their way clear up to the victor's crown. The Not that they are always purposing evil, but are church needs more spiritual descendants of the hundred and twenty who had persistency to tarry until the enduement of power was

> winning souls. You may have it! smallest seed of bitterness.

we truly recognize our sins as personal, that we must come through spiritual birth. alone are to blame for them. That responsibility cannot be transferred - terrific truth!

3. Tarry until consecration is complete. Consecration has become a commonplace, but it is the key to effectual spiritual energy. If we give ourselves wholly to Christ, He will give Himself wholly to the heart by the Holy Ghost! It is heaven begun

4. Tarry until confidence in God is perfect. The tools, makes her own models, and has invented, Tarry! Tarry in close communion with God. The promise is sure. The power will be imparted. dwelling of the Holy Ghost, what glorious results: - A Quakeress, Betsey Ross, is sa'd to have (a) Quickened sense of the soul's value; (b) Zeal in with a red, angry face. made the first flag of stars and stripes used in the seeking the lost; (c) Efficiency in testimony; (d) to noble living and a sublime destiny.

> Jan. 17 - "Come." Rev. 22: 17. Isa. 55: 1, 3; John 7: 37; Matt. 11: 28; Mark 10: 14; Rev. 22: 17; Jer. 3: 22; John 3: 16.

The citizens of a certain village were often reduced to great straits because the supply holding out a dirty and well-worn bit of of water from their well would become endistant a never-failing spring was discovered. Taking it from his hand, the missionary unfolded A generous citizen laid pipes to the heart of it and found it was a page containing that beautiful the village through which the water was conducted, thus furnishing an abundant supply for all seasons of the year. This deed of benevolence so appealed to their love, that at his death they erected a monument to his memory by the fountain he had so kindly face earnestly upturned to him, and asked the little opened up for their good. This fountain boy where he got it, and why he wanted a clean one. slaked bodily thirst. There is another fount-"We found it, sir," said he, "in sister's pocket, ain that is divinely adapted to slake soulthrone of God. To this "living water" the name yet?" For an instant the boy hung his weary and thirsty multisudes are kindly in head, and the red flush came back to his face; weary and thirsty multitudes are kindly invited to come by the Spirit and the Bride.

1. Who are invited? All who thirst. What a no need of the life giving stream, but without it must droop and die. (b) There is also the hardspread out great arms and make a LEAGUE PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS hearted sinner. How pathetically does Christ appeal to such by His condescension and crucifixion! Can such longer reject an invitation so full of love and sympathy? (c) Then there are helpless sinners, especially such as realize their helplessness. Help less? Ah! how this class awakens all the love of Jan. 3 — "How to Begin." "Who then is the Triune God! If necessary, He would halt the

delay, He urges upon us the importance of immediate action. (b) This being the case, He authorizes the Spirit, the church, and every one that heareth the invitation, to pass it on, that all may be warned and entreated to drink before it shall be too late. (c) Possibly it may be now or never. How many have come near the fountain, but have turned away ful custom. At the beginning of the New to perish! "Now is the accepted time." Failing to stands like a rock, and praises God from the Year, whatever may have been the estrange- decide aright now, may result in eternal failure.

Jan. 24 - "What Must I Do?" "Believe

This topic suggests personal action. Some-1. Wake up to a sense of sin's appalling peril. Re. death. There was but one way. What must chains of evil which can never be broken off. Cease tions. Lay hold of the rope. He did so, and rebelling against divine love and accept offered par- was rescued. This tourist's situation was and his rescue is assured.

1. The sinner must perceive his dangerous position. Until he realizes this in a measure, he is not likely to seek safety. To awaken souls to a sense of peril is the duty of Christian workers, aided by the Holy

2. The sinner must see that he cannot save himself. cording to the Word of God. This is " the man of Like the man on the Alpine cliff, he must perceive our counsel." This is our chart. Its direction, for that a step farther in the same direction only imperils him the more. Retreat is death, and his present ficiently specific. May every Epworthian make footing full of danger. There is only one way of 1892 grander than any previous year! him the more. Retreat is death, and his present the boy's hands in hers, as the said, "Edward, my dear Edward!" Then, turning to escape, and that is the one provided by the only Saviour.

3. Believe; and this implies obedience. As the one way of salvation for the Alpine traveler was to take hold of the proffered rope, so the only safety for the unconverted is to grasp the promises of Christ. provided. But this way never fails when honestly One night Robert Bruce was compelled to accepted. May all Epworthians realize the impor-

take shelter in a barn. Upon opening his tance of this harvest season and the perils of those

Jan. 31 - "A New Heart." "Create in me a clean heart, O God!" Psa. 51: 10, Prov. 20:9; Matt. 15:18-20; John 3:5, 6; Ezek. 36:25-27; Heb. 10:22; Matt. 5:8.

It was a high-born and cultured gentleman

"Only evil continually," expresses the condition of Ruler. It is universal heart-sin that renders neces. sary the new birth. 2. This necessity inheres in the nature of things.

theirs. This is the one supreme essential for It is not an arbitrary demand. It is like saying Except a blind man has his sight restored, he cannot 1. Tarry at the mercy-seat until self-examination see. The great law of life in all ranges of living has found every hidden heart-obstacle. Penetrate to things is that life comes only from life. It never the farthest rootlet of evil and rid the soul of the springs into existence of its own accord. Spontaneous generation is a myth. Spontaneous regeneration is 2. Tarry until confession of sin is thorough, until equally impossible. If we ever have spiritual life is

3. The new heart is a glorious reality. It means new motives, new desires, new hopes and new loves. It ushers you into a splendid spiritual world here, no less real than the material world. Oh, the deep joy experienced when the love of God is shed abroad in

### Junior Teague.

WINNING HIS NAME.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL; a mission class: A five boys on a broad grin; one boy

" And what is your name, please?" asked Miss Mildred Younge of the new boy who came into her class in the mission school.

" Edw " - began the boy, when a chorus of "Ohs" and "Ahs" and "Now, Spitzies," and a mingling of giggling and punches from the other boys in the class, caused his mouth to shut firmly as a oyster, while his grimy fists closed tightly, and he cast a wrathful, wait-till-I-catch-you-outside look about the class.

Miss Younge, who scented war in the air, was wise enough to leave her question unanswered, and quickly turn to the As the school was dismissed, Miss Younge laid her hand on the new boy's arm as she asked him to help her arrange some flowers in the church. A gruff refusal was on his tongue, till he suddenly saw the other boys wished to go, one of them crying, "I'll go, Miss Mildred!" But with a "Next Sunday. Joe: have help to-day," she turned to go, and the new boy followed. He was soon at his ease. but after a minute of slience he said, "Edward McCommon; but I reckon you heard

the boys call me 'Spitzie.'
"Yes; why did they?" "Cause they say I get mad as easy as a Spitz dog. But you see if I don't thrash 'em for callin' me that in Sunday-school!

"Does the name belong to you?

Does it fit you?

"Yes'm, I guess maybe it does; for I do fly off the handle that quick.' " As long as it fits I'm afraid you'll keep it. When I was a little girl, and had a dress I didn't like, I knew my remedy was to outgrow it. I used to measure myself every week, to see how fast I was growing. Suppose you try to outgrow 'Spitz,' and grow into 'Edward!'"

"I don't know how you mean." "Outgrow getting angry, and when 'Spitz' doesn't fit you any longer I'll trust the rest of the boys to find it out. I'll not call you

anything but 'you' till you win your name. Fully three minutes the boy looked at the hand held out to him, at a spot in the carpet, at a crack in the wall, and then laid his hand

in the one held out to him, saying, "It's a bargain. The prospects for a speedy loss of "Spitz' and winning of "Edward" did not look very bright to Miss Mildred when, an hour later, she saw, on the street, the boy who so nestly said, "It's a bargain;" for, alas! was fighting as flercely as boys can fight with another urchin from her class. Both boys tence was a sorry failure. Two squares farther on, a breathless boy caught up with the

young lady, and said: —
"Miss, I was fightin'. Joe made me mad for some water for 'Spitzie.' I couldn't stand

He waited for no reply, but was off like a Sunday his teacher said to him, so low that terday, but then I had a bad case of hydro-One day he said, "Miss Mildred, I didn't

Miss Mildred smiled, and whispered: held you, dear boy! The boy wins his name will not dishonor it after-

At last he whispered: "Miss Mildred, I'm winning it! I'm almost 'Edward! not so truly perilous as is that of every un-converted soul. To such the rope of divise converted soul. To such the rope of divine out a name was the last of the class to take promise is given. He must lay hold by faith, his place. Miss Mildred was busy with other things, and never noticed that on the empty seat was placed a cunningly bent-up pit When the boy came in hurriedly and sat down, he sprang up again, and gave the same "Outch!" any boy would have given. Then something strange happened; for, though a hot flush came to his cheeks, he only said,—

I never did care to act as a pin-cushion as pins go, that one was doublepointed." that class! Miss Mildred sprang up and took

"I can trust boys for being honest and fair and square. Now, I ask you to decide which name best suits the boy who did not get mad when made to sit on a double-pointed pin - 'Spitz,' or 'Edward?'

And not a boy cried "Spitz," but every one There is no other name given, there is no other way shook hands with "Edward," and he keeps the name he won. - MARGARET MONTGOM-

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III. Expository.

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freedom and safety, assured by God, and the

guarantee of continued spiritual blessedness.

The original sense of the word rendered ' sal

vation' (as the Arabic shows) is breadth.

be asked at all) are angels." That the

corporated under His government, united among

hemselves, obedient to His laws, and safe under

keeper." Literally, however, the words read:

its his hope on the wisdom, power, truth and

mercy of God, in all his undertakings, difficulties

and perils; and refers his concerns to Him, ex-

perfect peace - in every kind of peace, peace of

share its franchises (Scott).

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FIRST QUARTER. LESSON II. Sunday, January 10. Isaiah 26: 1-10. REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N.

A SONG OF SALVATION.

I. Preliminary.

1. GOLDEN TEXT: " Trust ye in the Lord for. eer; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting Nineveb, primarily, then supposed to be strength " (Isa. 26: 4). impregnable, but afterwards so thoroughly 2. DATE: Uncertain; possibly B. C. 700, in humbled that their sites were almost undis-

Hezekiah's reign. 3. PLACE: Uncertain.

4. Home Readings: Monday — Isalah 26: 1-10. Tucsday — Isalah 25. Wednesday — Isalah 1: 4-11. Thursday - Joel 2: 23-32. Friday -Psalm 98. Saturday - Luke 2: 10-20. Sunday -

### II. Introductory.

Our lesson forms a part of a grand despised people of God. Steps of the hymnic finale (beginning with chapter needy .- "' Needy' means, first 'tottering 25), in which the woes pronounced in or 'infirm,' then 'slender' or 'lean,' then earlier chapters upon the enemies of 'poor' in fortune or estate. These words, the church are recalled and reiterated, covering in their primary meaning almost and also in which the safety of God's came gradually to be the expression of the people is triumphantly asserted. And highest moral and evangelical virtues. A his safety and deliverance are made poor Oriental cannot be certain of fair play in typical of more spiritual and glorious the courts of the land, and, worse still, to his events. The prophet doubtless sees a quick religious instinct misfortune is a sign

day approaching when Judah, now in of God's estrangement. A poor man in the captivity, shall rejoice in an impreg- East has therefore not only a hunger for food; nable stronghold, while the castles of he has the hotter hunger for justice, the Mosb are leveled to the ground; but deeper hunger for God. The physical pauper he sees also a far more distant day and becomes the moral pauper, and may at length striumph which shall be synchronous with the end of time. "In that day" of heart blessed by Jesus in the first of His Beatitudes as the possessor of the kingdom of God's people will sing this song: heaven" (G. A. Smith). Strong is the city of our God, the new Jerusalem, whose walls are salvation, whose praiseful gates open wide to re- ness. He walks, in intention, along the ceive the righteous nation who have straight way of truth; and God makes it to kept the faith and endured unto the be, in spite of its roughness, a straight way end. Perfect and deep and indestructi- to the land of peace" (Kay). The general ble is the peace of that redeemed man idea is, that while the ungodly "know not at whose trust is in Jehovah. This being what they stumble," God makes the way of the case, all are exhorted to trust per- His true servants plain and level; He repetually in Jehovah, for the Self-existent and Unchangeable One is the true Rock of Ages. Nothing else shall stand in that day. The New Testament-Babylon, representing every mighty and defiant iniquity of the mighty and defiant iniquity of the of the just." "None, therefore, need turn latter days, shall be brought low and aside from that well-constructed road into leveled with the dust. Its ruins shall 'crooked ways' (Psalm 125: 5) of their own be trodden down by the "poor," and devising" (Rawlinson). by "the steps of the needy." Plain 8. In the way of thy judgments have and level will the Lord make the way we waited for thee .- While enduring of His upright servants, removing ob- Thy chastisements we have been patient.

structions and stumbling-blocks, pro- "We knew Thou wouldest visit us at the portioning their strength to their trials, fitting time" (Rawlinson). The desire of and directing their steps. In that day, our soul, etc. - in R. V., "To Thy name looking back over the afflictions through and to Thy memorial is the desire of our soul." which they have been brought, and the faithful Jews, but of God's people in all "The prophet speaks not only on behalf of God's desolating judgments upon the sees. Through the long dark night of afflicnations, every redeemed soul can detion (see Isa. 21: 11; Psa. 63:6; Song of clare with what eagerness he waited in Solomon 3:1) this earnest soul-longing con- all the chapters be planning for a general of this district at the funeral. May the God this night season "for the demonstra- tinued. The inmost spirit concentrated its rally! tion of God's uprightness which has strength on the work of looking out for the A missionary convention was held at that wait and mourn, under the shadow of clated by his people, and the work moves on now taken place." Not that they re- light of God's presence" (Speaker's Com | Pittsfield, Thursday, Dec. 3. Instructive and loneliness, in these sad days of humble subjoiced in the calamities which wasted mentary). God's "pame" represents His nat- stirring addresses were given by Revs. W. H. mission to an inexplicable Providence! the nations that for sook God's worship; but because they realized that if these nations ever returned to God and God by which He would be remembered way a success. pations ever returned to God and (chap. 64:5; Exodus 3:15)" (J., F. and B.).

learned righteousness, it would be as the result of providential affliction.

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goodness. And therefore, even "in or, as the margin reads, diligently. For

coverable. And, says Peloubet, "these cities

oppressions, the liquor traffic, governmental

corruption, infidelity, every form of evil, are

God; but every one shall be brought low."

like proud and lofty cities that defy the true

6. Feet of the poor - the humble and

are but a type of the strongholds of the ene mies of God in this world. Despotisms

the land of uprightness," where means when thy judgments are in the earth of grace are afforded and good exam- . . . learn righteousness . - The prophet ples are set, there would be found those has no desire that desolating judgments week in February. who refused to learn righteousness, who should fall in order simply to punish the dealt unjustly, and upon whom " the wicked, but for the purpose of making them dealt unjustly, and upon whom "the majesty of the Lord" produced no im-

10. Let favor be showed to the wicked. - The prophet emphasizes the idea that the 1. In that day - primarily, in the day of truest mercy to those wicked persons who Moab's overthrow, referred to in the precedcontinue impenitent and unjust in a land where piety is respected, who, in a word, are ing chapter; but referring, also, to the final false to their environment and obligations, is (2 Pet. 3: 12). Song be sung in the land chastisement. Nothing else will bring them to their senses. If God's people must endure of Judah - taken literally, on the return trials in order to perfect their graces, the from exile in Judah, and typically, in the enemies of God should be taught wisdom and church of the living God. We have a strong city - Jerusalem, strong in Jehovah's protion; type of the heavenly Jerusalem, the ments and afflictions. Will not behold sure and safe abode of the redeemed. Salva-Lord - will think His mercy a sign of tion... appoint for walls and bulweakness and presume upon it, and forget warks. — "The nation glories in the strength His kingly majesty and power.

### IV. Inferential.

terial bulwarks, but in 'salvation,' i. e., in 1. "God is our refuge and strength. Sphered in Him, no enemy can reach us. 2. Truth and righteousness are indispensable to those who claim an abiding shelter in God. 2. Open ye the gates .- Says Delitzsch :

it is, to begin with, like the paradise in which soul that rests its all in God. man was placed, a creation of Jehovah. The

3. The trusting soul enjoys the very per-

that open (if the question who they are is to itself eternal.

says Rawlinson " (though the Hebrews of an enemy to God may seem, his doom is congratulated. Isaiah's day may not have fully understood sure. 6. Straight is the path before the righteous trustees, the wife of Rev. J. D. Beeman was this), of all kindreds and tongues washed

course, the words refer to those captive nor wander, so long as he trusts. Jews who in Nineveh and Babylon did not 7. No trials will chill or weaken the heart's desire for God. Though the night of affliction be long and dark, the early dawn will

it is in Jesus, become "a righteous nation," in-8. An ardent desire for the conversion of our friends will make us welcome even His protection. Every new convert is enrolled calamities in their case, if only such calamias a citizen of this strong city, and ministers and ties lead them to Christ.

### V. Illustrative.

Christians should unite by every effort to open the gates, that new converts from every part of earth may be admitted to dwell in it and 1. An old man lost a bank-note in his barn. He looked for it in vain. At last he said, did not reach Conference last spring, and no "That bank-note is in that barn; I will committee was appointed. Brethren of the 3. Thou wilt keep. - "The Lord is thy search for it till I find it." So he carefully removed the hay and straw till he found the 27 is Hospital Sunday, and a collection from The steadfast mind thou wilt keep in note. Some weeks afterward he became each church is needed for the work. Reports peace, in peace," the repetition signifying " in anxious about the burden of his sins. A from the Hospital were sent pastors in perfect peace." "Keep" is a military word; Christian friend said to him, "You must seek | time for use on the Sabbath. it means to "guard as with a garrison." Mind is stayed on thee. — "To hang upon for God as you sought for that bank-note." God, to give oneself up, to abandon oneself to It is a wonderful thought that that is the way Him, gives security and peace" (Delitzsch). God seeks for us. Read the last words of The man of whom this may be said, stays and Luke 15: 4 and 8 (Hurlbut).

2. If we do not "learn righteousness from the prosperities and calamities which fifteen and twenty years into full memberalternate around us, we are blinder and deafer ship. Eight of these were baptized in the fort from Him. And thus the Lord keeps him in esied. No one can observe closely his own meetings between Congregationalists, Bapand cheerful expectation, proportioned to the self-conceit or levity. "Rightly compretue the Week of Prayer and continue three preached! legree in which the heart is thus stayed on God hended," says J. B. Mozley, "the world betransient faith, but with one that abides under warner, the great prophet." Even our morn-

shaken unto the end. In the Lord Jehovah to make us religious (Hurlbut). is everlasting strength (R. V., "an 3. Constrained at the darkest hour to seekers, and ten persons rose and expressed everlasting rock"). - The union of the two humbly confess that without God's help I a need of Christ.

names expresses in the highest degree God's was helpless, I yowed a vow in the forest soloriginal" (J., F. and B). He is the true with anxiety for my white and black com-Rock of Ages - "a rock," says Delitzsch, panions, whose fate was a mystery. In this "on which everything breaks that would physical and mental distress, I besought God attack the faithful whom He encompasses." to give me back my people. Nine hours later 5. Bringeth down (R. V., "brought we were exulting with a rapturous joy. In "Them that walk in pride God is able to the crescent, and beneath its waving folds was the long-lost rear column (Henry M. abase." The lofty city - Babylon or Stanley).

### The Conferences.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Montpelier District. Having lived at Barre since his retiremen from the effective ranks, Rev. A. M. Wheeler has removed with his family to Salem, N. H. His face will be missed at many ministerial

eatherings. Temple, of St. Albans, actively participating

in the transaction of important Lusiness. Monday, Dec. 7, the Montpeller District Preachers' Meeting held its monthly session at Montpelier. After an animated discussion, the meeting passed a resolution declaring the Conferences under the name of the Northern New England Conference, to be desirable for

Rev. H. F. Reynolds, evangelist of the Vermont Holiness Association, has been invited to spend the months of January and 7. The way of the just is uprightness February in evangelistic work in connection - "or, a right way, or straightness, or plainwith St. Paul's M. E. Church, Chicago. This is a merited compliment to the ability and success of our talented brother.

brother more faithful in attending preachers' meetings and other ministerial gatherings matters, which is highly creditable to our inthan Rev. J. O. Sherburne, of Cabot. Hence it was a matter of general comment and reattendance upon the recent preachers' meeting of the State are just now exceptionably good, at Montpelier.

On the evening of Dec. 7, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., gave an eloquent and able address on missions at Trinity M. E. Church, Montpelier. But few preachers could be present.

There are eighty-five instead of fifty families in connection with the Rochester Methodist Church. Pastor Wight is faithful in pastoral labor. Extra meetings are being held at Stowe

under direction of Pastor Emery. The pre- system of Christian endeavor. siding elder rendered efficient service for several days previous to the quarterly meeting on Dec. 20.

Favor shown to the wicked was misplaced. Impenitent sinners despise the riches of the Lord's long-suffering and goodness. And therefore, even "in goodness."

\*\*Selept, my soul affectionately and sincerely watched and waited in prayer and earnest supplication. Will I seek thee early—supplication. Under the beautiful new parson. The beautiful new parson. Bakersfield, filled their assignments faithfully on the program. The essays were all good and practical. The pastor and church at the class of missions of missions. Supplication is a supplication of the program of the program of missions of missions. Supplication is a supplication of the program of the

evangelistic work, has been engaged in extra meetings with the pastor at Waterbury for several days. His sermons held the close attention of the people, and were increasingly appreciated.

good results from the labors in his church of times since Conference. led to seek God's mercy by terrifying punish- Rev. W. S. Smithers, of Barre, a former pastor. Bro. Smithers is very much beloved

Four have recently been baptized and three there has been a healthy growth.

Our society at Pittsfield recently dedicated The city is conceived of as still empty; for fection of peace. No anxiety can disturb a H. Wight. Rev. J. W. Hitchcock read an preacher supplying there, is in favor with the the use of the church several weeks before original poem, and letters were read from people, and is doing excellent work. 4. Trust is not for to day, but for all time. Revs. J. A. Sherburne, W. S. Smithers, E. age cost a thousand dollars, and is paid for 5. No matter how strong and unassailable in full. Pastor S. C. Vail has reason to be

At the recent meeting of the Seminary clean from taints of sin." Primarily, of man, and his guided steps will neither slip reported to be under the doctor's care. President Beeman is constantly moving about the State seeking funds to decrease the indebted-

> Barre has regular Sunday services under the auspices of the Universalists, Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians, Congregation. alists, Baptists and Methodists, yet our Sunday-school had 218 present, Dec. 13 the largest number for a long time. RETLAW.

> Dr. Breckinridge, of the Brooklyn Hospital, Vermont Conference will remember that Dec.

St. Johnsbury District. Derby had a good day on the recent quar terly meeting Sabbath. Pastor Wilder received 12 young people between the ages of

every form of persecution and endures un. ing newspapers, rightly studied, should help souls seeking and finding Jesus. At the sacramental service Bro. Donaldson called for

"This passage, chapter 12:2, Exod 6: 3 and Psalm 83: 18, are the four in which the English Version retains the Jehovah of the by illness, prostrated with fatigue, and worn the best meeting of the year. All the brethren will want to be present.

are coming to Christ, and wanderers are being church. reclaimed. The quickening Spirit is filling down") them that dwell on high .- full view of all was the crimson flag, with the hearts of God's people. The Epworth League is an important factor in the work. The indications are good for a general victory for the truth and for souls. The pastor, Bro. N. M. Learned, is greatly encouraged and spiritually full of hope, though physically rather "faint, yet pursuing." We wish for

### Springfield District.

Nineteen were present at the last meeting worth, on "How Shall We Increase the In- on the charge. Pastor N. B. Cook finds the of the Seminary trustees. It was refreshing terest of the Sunday-school?" H. F. Forrest, Ladies' Aid a great help in his work. Three been converted, and a class will be organized to see such keen business men as Hon. I. N. "Shall Preaching be Doctrinal or Ethical weeks' extra services at Nealey's Corner at once. Under the fostering care of the pas-Hall, of Groton, L. Bart Cross and Thos. Mainly?" R. Morgan, "Can the Number Marvin, of Montpelier, Olin Merrill and M. of Districts in our Conference be Advanta-P. Perley, of Enosburg Falls, and Chauncy geously Decreased?" R. L. Bruce, "Out of Debt;" C. F. Partridge, "Christian Culture: How Best Promoted; " L. P. Tucker, "The Preacher as a Scholastic Specialist;" E. E. Reynolds, "Thoughts about Sin." Sermons were preached by C. H. Farnsworth and R. L. Bruce. The session was pleasant and union of the New Hampshire and Vermont profitable to all concerned, but perhaps to some minds the resolution in regard to the consolidation of the New Hampshire and Vermont Conferences, which appeared in M.'s ground at East Machias. items from Springfield District last week. CHAS. F. PARTBIDGE, Sec'y.

St. Albans District.

At the recent trustee meeting of our Seminary at Montpelier, this district was repre-Probably the Conference does not contain a sented by five members of the board, mostly business men of large experience in financial terest in the school. We ought to be better and there is a temptation for parents to keep their sons and daughters at home. But such social conditions and tendencies of some of these near home schools, as a very large factor in discriminating between them, and in favor of our noble Seminary. It is said that 350 boys and 160 girls from our little Vermont attend college. We ought to have our share of them graduating from our own fitting schools and patronizing our own colleges, and in love and sympathy with our own denominational

The loss, by death, at Northfield, of our dear young brother in the ministry, J. Wesley Spencer, brings out many expressions of President Smithers announces a District sympathy with the afflicted family on the League convention the last of January, the part of a large circle of acquaintances in this family, several of his children having been dangerously ill with typhoid place not yet being definitely selected. Let vicinity. There were several representatives of all grace comfort and sustain the hearts

a grand occasion. About sixty regular deleon the program. The essays were all good and practical. The pastor and church at the Falls gave the delegates and visiting members from surrounding charges splendid entertain ment, dinner being served in the vestry of the church, where about one hundred were seated at the tables. The convention voted to have a radical Universalist, has been clearly converted, and is now happy in God.

Rev. F. E. Whitham, of South Royalton, who has had a good deal of experience in evangelistic work, has been engaged in extra Preachers' Meeting at Marshfield the second from surrounding charges splendid entertaina radical Universalist, has been clearly converted, and is now happy in God.

District League are laymen throughout; Mr. ship barely escaped burning, as it was located under the shadow of a notorious rum erable men who have come down from a past Seven had been converted since Conference hearts have not yet burnt out their youthful requested prayers. A Junior League has fires. Bro. Merrill has not been in good been organized, and has an average attend-Judge Hobson, of Island Pond, feports health the past year, but has preached five ance of thirty-five. The Epworths are doing

The local papers speak of Bro. A. Scribner

their new parsonage with appropriate exer on at Essex union meetings under the lead of given their names to the pastor desiring cises. Rev. C. Dingman, president of the the Baptist State evangelist. It has yielded church membership. building committee and a former pastor, gave good results to the Methodist Church. Thirtythe address of welcome. Presiding Elder three converts were baptized and received Truax made an appropriate speech, and con- into the church on probation on a recent Church Extension Society, and a loan of \$150 gratulatory remarks were made by Rev. W. Sunday. Rev. H. R. Edwards, the local will enable our people to dedicate and have

Rev. S. H. Smith, a local preacher of the cry to 'open' comes from heaven; and those It has an eternal support, and should be H. Bartlett and H. A. Bushnell. The parson-Methodist Church of Canada, formerly re-

At Binghamville, Bro. Geo. E. Deuel has been holding extra meetings, assisted by Bro. or three conversions.

At North Fairfax a series of meetings have been in progress, resulting in the quickening of the church and several conversions. The pastor has been assisted by Bro. H. P. Reynoids, and later by Geo. E. Deuel, of Fletch er; he expects to open meetings at Georgia soon under James H. Earle, of Boston, son of the celebrated Baptist evangelist, A. B. Rarle.

### EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Bucksport District.

ful hands had tastefully decorated the altar from his pulpit had the true ring. Eastport. - The church edifice needs paint-

4 Trust ye in the Lord forever—in great tempter, but it is also the great monno arm of flesh, but in the Lord; and with no
transfer tempter, but it is also the great monparsonage and shingling the other buildings.

Evansville.—The new church at this place

\$100 for this purpose. Bro. C. L. Haskell
undergoing repairs. arm of church power. He abounds in work. 19, which was also financially profitable. Bro. his work again in a few weeks.

East Burke. - Preachers' Meeting is to be Jewell is as faithful and industrious in this The Sunday School. In the highest degree God's was helpless, I vowed a vow in the forest solunchanging love and power (Psalm 68: 4). Itudes, that I would confess His aid before held here early in February. Important small field as he would be in one of the increase, and the congregations are larger

> services on different parts of the charge several weeks. Some have been converted and Island Pend. - The work of God is advanc- joined the class. Sister Gross is making an future. The Epworth League, recently oring here. Meetings are being held, sinners effort to secure funds sufficient to paint the ganized, is doing good work.

> Winterport. - Four have been received into the church, two joined on probation, and church. Eighteen have been converted, and one has risen for prayers. Miss Clara Cush- the good work seems only in its beginning. man, the returned missionary, recently organized a branch of the W. F. M. Society with 35 members. Circular letters on the benevolent enterprises have been bringing in good results. Bro. H. W. Norton is confihim a complete restoration to health and dent that the tide of spiritual interest is rising. The last communion service was the largest we have witnessed.

Hampden. - An Epworth League was or-A meeting of the Springfield (Vt.) District ganized about Oct. 1, and is doing good work, Preachers' Association was held at | Browns- adding new life to the church. Sunday, Dec. ville, Dec. 8 and 9. Papers, some of them of 6, one was baptized and one received in full unusual value and excellence, were presented from probation and two by letter. A class by the following brethren: C. H. Farns- has recently been resuscitated, making four quickened the church there.

Lubec. - During the last Ministerial Association Bro. Barker's little child was baptized in the presence of several friends gath ered in the home. The Association was rovally entertained and had a most enjoyable session. Bro. Barker's ministrations in the homes of the people and in the pulpit are always spiritual uplifts.

Pembroke. -- Bro. A. J. Haynes rejoices in new society cottage erected at the camp-

South West Harbor. - A four weeks' series was the most important business transacted. of afternoon and evening meetings held by the pastor, Rev. LeRoy Bates, quickened the church and added about a score to the class, ten of whom have been baptized. Others for some time on probation have joined in full. Bro. Bates preached the sermon at the union service held Thanksgiving.

Penobscot. - Bro. T. A. Hodedon is well spoken of on all parts of this charge. By invitation he has begun to hold services at represented by students than we now are. North Bluehill. During our last visit to the gret that the weather and roads prevented his Some of the schools in this northern section charge the pastor was absent to supply for Bro. Winslow at Bar Harbor. J. F. HALBY.

Bangor District.

Vanceboro. - Preaching services are largely attended; the prayer, class, and League meetings are full of interest, the Sundayschool prosperous. Bro. Pearson has been assisted in special services by Bro. Grass. About thirty have been converted and re-

Kingman Charge. - Since the organization of our church at Brookton last spring, a decaled change for the better is perceptible. The congregations are much larger, and the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. Bro. Grass, the pastor, has had much sick fever. Forest City. - Bro. Page is highly appre

steadily under his care. A chorus of young people furnish most excellent music for with a master hand, has frescoed the church in oil, in most beautiful designs.

the services, also Rev. Cortes Kimball, ven- were baptized and 5 received into the church. Baby's skie and scale purified and beautified by CUTICURA SOAP. generation by the record of years, but whose up to that time. Last week three young men

well. Bro. Morgan is expecting a revival. Caribou. - Bro. C. H. McElhinev is winand family, of Montgomery, as having recent- ning the hearts of the people, and is proving ly returned from their extended visit, on the himself an all-round man. When necessary, occasion of the marriage of their daughter. he can fill the position of chorister, organis received into full connection at Cabot. Ever We are glad to know that our brother is so soloist and preacher in a single service. since the pastorate of Bro. Sherburne began, far improved in his physical condition as to Jones and Allen have just closed a series of make so extensive and protracted a journey. | meetings here, and as a result 175 have been An extensive revival work has been going at the altar as seekers, while 80 persons have

> Mapleton. - The new church is nearing completion. A donation of \$250 from the

Houlton. - The outside of the church is completed, and the inside is ready for the siding at Freleighsburg, P. Q., has been en- finish. For the present, services are held in gaged to supply at Highgate until Conference. the vestry of the Unitarian church, and the He has made a fine impression of his ability congregations fill every available nook. An and usefulness for future work among us. old member says: "The church was never in He moves into the parsonage with his family. so good condition as now." Seven new subscribers for Zion's HERALD are reported.

Monticello. - Bro. Towle finds his fourth Brigham, of Alburgh. There have been two year profitable. An Epworth League is a late production of this field. A steady growth marks our brother's pastorate.

Hodgdon and Linneus. - Bro. Newbert is the admiration of his people. Good sermons are preached to large congregations. The Sunday-school at Hodgdon is among the largest in the country. The work goes well on each part of the charge.

Bangor, First Church. - This society moves steadily forward on the line of progress. Accessions are made to this church on nearly every communion Sabbath. Bangor, Grace Church. - Since Conference

nearly a score of seekers have been at the Gouldstoro. - The promised bell-ringing altar. The church met with a great loss in in the came Wednesday, Dec. 2. It sounded well, the death of Bro. Warren. He was one of as did also the three excellent sermons God's noblemen. Bro. Foss is making himpreached on the occasion by Bros. J. A. self felt. not only in the church, but in the Weed, S. S. Gross and A. J. Lockhart. Skill- city. His recent utterances on temperance

and walls. Good music added a charm to Dizmont. - A shout of victory comes ring the services of the day. The new coat of ing over the hills of Dixmont. Seventy-two paint gives an inviting appearance to the ex- have said, "Pray for me." Three generaterior of the edifice. Bro. Belcher and his tions are included among the converts, the people are to be congratulated on the forward grandfather being ninety years old. W. H. move they are making. May the new bell Dunnack, brother of the pastor, has been asclence, tranquillity, resignation, confidence, life and the lives of others and indulge in clear the Gospel sisting in the services — a lively team for onstrated the fact that an Epworth League comes its own antidote. The world is the also recently been improved by painting the ing, and at our last visit we were informed can be made a grand success on a country charge. The old Union church has been

Newport. - Bro. Maine is now in the West | 3 Eddington. — One was recently baptized. He writes that he is improving, and the An interesting social gathering was held Nov. chances are that he will be able to take up

than at any time since Bro. Lermond came to the charge. This is a good field to cultivate, and there is no reason why we should not have a strong church here in the near

Hartland. - This charge is ablaze with revival. The young people are crowding the

Corinna. - Jones and Allen did a good work at this point. The church not only received a mighty spiritual uplift in the late revival, but has been re-enforced by a score of converts. An Epworth League of thirty members is some of the fruit also.

Alton and Argyle. - Bro. Price writes encouragingly about his work. At Alton an Epworth League has been organized with wenty-two members.

Dexter. - Bro. Clifford's fifth year with this church is even more fruitful than any preceding year. In a small school district just outside the village, twelve persons have tor, the converts of last winter are developing strong Christian characters, and are becoming an important factor in the church. One hun dred and eight were present at the communion service at our last quarterly meeting.

Athens and Harmony .- Bro. Lyons and wife are pleasantly domiciled in the village of Athens, and every courtesy is shown them by the "Athenians." Our church was organized here about one year ago, and we now have a membership of twenty-five, with ten probationers, who will soon be received in full. A flourishing Epworth League has been formed, also a Junior League of twenty-seven members.

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### Review of the Week.

Tuesday, December 22.

- The Congregational Club of Boston cele-

- The silver lobby ready to begin its work in Washington.

- Lord Hartington, the Unionist leader, be-

- Detective Hanscom testifies in the Graves case that the doctor confessed to him that he sent the bottle of whiskey. - Gov. Russell unreservedly declares himsel

in favor of Cleveland's renomination in a speech at the Young Men's Democratic Club banquet. —A thousand native Christians massacred by the rebels during the recent troubles in North the hearts of the people, and is destined to

Wednesday, December 23. - Renewed difficulty between France and Madagascar.

- Severe hurricane in Marshalltown, Iowa, with loss of life and property.

burned at sea; her passengers and crew res- prayers on a recent Sunday evening. - The new Quebec cabinet, with M. de Boucherville as premier, sworn in.

More than fifteen men lose their lives in a anow-atorm in Italy.

sawdust to the sufferers. rector of St. Thomas Church in New Haven.

Thursday, December 24.

The Lafayette House in St. Joseph, Mo., demolished by fire and dynamite; no one in

-Springer made chairman of the Ways and Means committee: 32 southern chairmanships.

States now 171,000.

- Ex-Postmaster General Creswell is dead. - E. M. Field, of New York, pronounced in same by a jury of experts.

- Thirty men killed in Antwerp by a dynamite

Friday, December 25.

- The Provincetown fishing fleet closes a very nocessful season.

road at Hastings; several passengers killed. - Every preparation for a possible war with Chile being made by our government. - Twelve persons killed by a railroad disaster

- Dr. James Shepard "held up" by highway robbers on Mt. Vernon Street early Thursday

- Ground broken for the bridge over the Hud-

son River. -The Parnellites win at Waterford; Michael

-Russia to support France against Bulgaria.

- Arrest of Alvan L. Greenwood, ex-supreme treasurer of the Mutual One Year Benefit Order, of right words. on the charge of embezzlement of \$30,000. - Evidence of corruption at the last election in spite of the Australian ballot law presented

- Christmas festivities at various institutions including the Home for Aged Couples, the Boston Industrial and Appleton Temporary Homes, the Newsboys' Reading Room, etc.

Saturday, December 26. The cruiser "Charleston" supposed to have sailed for Iquique.

-The number of deaths, by the collision on the New York Central found to be eleven; see eral persons injured; the accident caused by the - Sawtell, the murderer, died from spoplexy.

 Four bombs exploded in a church at Valencia, Italy; several persons injured. - Garza, the Mexican outlaw chief, makes

unsuccessful attempts to capture Fort Ringgold - England sides with France in the Bulgari

### Monday, December 28.

Of the 18 powers represented at the Brussel convention, the United States the only powe that has not ratified the act for the suppressiof the slave trade.

United States soldiers at Fort Niagara de tected in the act of ferrying Chinamen across from Canada.

- Chattanooga visited by a \$600,000 fire. - The National Cordage Company practically controls the cordage of this country.

- Desperate fighting in China; 2,000 rebel

- Nine children perish in a theatre panic i

Gateshead, Eng. - A crank wants to kill G. W. Child, and ar - Within the last two days the deaths of W. Parkman, Gen. W. R. Lee and Col. E. W.

- A conductor shot dead on the Florida Central by a negro whom he had ejected. - People dying of starvation in the State of Durango, Mex.

> THE CONFERENCES. [Continued from Page 5.]

The prevailing epidemic is paralyzing the work in some communities. In the town of Webster, on a recent Sunday, a place of about Webster, on a recent Sunday, a place of about six hundred inhabitants, over eighty were Paid Dividends of 7 pr cent per annum since July,

- Remarkable story from Iona, Mich., of a series of suicides in pursuance of a compact by at Nashua. Since the communion service of December, nearly fifty have been received -The Guion Line steamer "Abyssinia" on probation. Fourteen were forward for

The revival work at Salem Depot was a glorious uplift to the church and community. Evangelist St. John and wife did royal service. Bro. White is greatly encouraged, and - St. Petersburg merchants have no pity for starving Russians; swindling grain dealers send vigor.

The presiding elder was completely sur-Death of Rev. Dr. E. Edwards Beardsley, prised on Christmas by the receipt of money for the purchase of a fur coat - the gift of A "parental school" for the correction of the preachers of the district. It was an endecided upon by the Boston school tirely unexpected gift, and one that is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the generous brethren, some of whom make sacrifices daily by reason of their small salaries.

Concord District.

Lisbon. - The new and improved buildings 25 northern; free silver men happy over the erected on the burnt district for dwellings and business purposes, give this town a new - The total railway mileage of the United and enterprising appearance. Things spirit-- A woman shot and killed in the Sudbury prosperous in the church. A week of special House in this city; the murderer escapes through services brought quickening and much good to the church. Brother E. W. Bartlett, an to the church. Brother E. W. Bartlett, an old resident, received into the church by Brosla. Supplies to be transported free under the auspices of the Red Cross Association.

Sixty persons killed and 160 wounded by an their pastor would remain the fifth year sendents over the received into the church by Brosland Supplies to be transported free under the Felt, recently died in Washington, D. C., and was brought here for burial. Assurance that their pastor would remain the fifth year would give the people pleasure and allay their rising fears. Report of the Preachers' Meeting may be expected from the secretary, Bro. Sanderson. A motion favoring the proposed union of Conferences was discussed and laid on the table. Five have recently started in the new life on this charge.

Littleton. - The plan proposed by the pas tor. Rev. R. Sanderson, for the payment of the church debt, is meeting with favor; \$2,500 of the required \$4,000 are in sight under that plan, and the balance will doubtless be secured. Several probationers, received as such by the former pastor, Bro. Frost, have been recently received into full membership.

Bethlehem. - Two weeks' special services here have resulted in bringing to the front some of the hitherto backward ones, and in - Our troops on the Rio Grande chasing Mex. opening the lips of some who have long been silent. One young man of much promise, whose wife is a probationer, grandly converted, and a deepening interest among the unsaved, are encouraging tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The present pastorate has wrought much good here - Death and disaster caused by a dense fog in | in healing the divisions of former days. Amos said, "The prudent shall keep silence." Bro. Wilkins has that gift, as well as the gift

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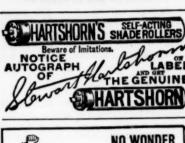
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